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CHARLIE NICHOLAS — 'MY FUTURE'

HUNGARY MAY LOOK FOR DRAW

HUNGARIAN skipper Tibor Nyilasi claims his side can't afford to lose to England at Wembley next week.

So all signs point to them looking for a draw at Wembley.

Says the goalscoring midfielder: "England are the strongest side in our group and we must take at least three points from them if we are to stand a chance of qualifying for the Finals in France."

Certainly Nyilasi is one player England must keep an eye on. He's in very good form and scored a hat-trick as Hungary beat club side SK Austria 4-0 in February.

Another danger man is Andras Torocsik, who is now 100 per cent fit again and reported to be playing very well — now in a withdrawn striking role, coming from deep.

But despite recent good results — Hungary also beat Luxembourg 6-2 in their last European Championship match — all has not been well.

The Hungarians' record during 1982 was: played nine; won four; drawn one; and lost four.

In those matches Hungary scored 24 goals and conceded 14 but their victories were all against lesser nations — New Zealand (twice), El Salvador, whom they beat 10-1 and Turkey (5-0). They lost to France, Argentina, Austria and Peru.



GROUP THREE England v Hungary

ENGLAND take on Hungary in the European Championship at Wembley next Wednesday in a game they must win... but who are the men to strike it rich?

After the sterile 0-0 draw with Greece last month, England manager Bobby Robson must now find the firepower to blast the Hungarians.

He had hoped that nimble

Hungary's last squad was: Katzirz, Zsiborasz, Csonka, Szanto, Kerekas, Garaba, Varga, Toth, Poczik, Buresa, Nyilasi, Hannich, Kiss, Torocsik, Szentes, Poloskei.

GROUP THREE TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| ENGLAND | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 6 |
| Denmark | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Greece | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Hungary | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Luxemb'g | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 0 |

● Does not include result of Hungary v Luxembourg game played on April 16.

REMAINING FIXTURES:

ENGLAND v Hungary, Denmark v Greece — April 27; Hungary v Greece — May 15; Denmark v Hungary — June 1; ENGLAND v Denmark — September 21; Hungary v England, Denmark v Luxembourg — Oct. 12; Hungary v Denmark — Oct. 26; Greece v Denmark, Luxembourg v ENGLAND — Nov. 16; Greece v Hungary — December 3; Greece v Luxembourg — Dec. 14.

BLACK

England told: Pick Blissett and Chamberlain

Black power! Luther Blissett in action for England.



ENGLAND need black power to shoot Hungary down!

Watford sharpshooter Luther Blissett is the man to fire the bullets.

And tricky Stoke winger Mark Chamberlain can provide the ammunition.

That's the view of two of the country's most respected midfielders — Aston Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer and Trevor Brooking of West Ham.

Dennis, who plays behind one of the most lethal strike partnerships in the League says: "Trevor Francis is an automatic choice but he needs a big man up front to feed off."

"With Paul Mariner ruled out through injury, Luther could be the man for the job."

Luther is currently England's top-shot in the League with 22 goals prior to last weekend's game against Nottingham Forest and Dennis says: "He has notched quite a few goals this season and scored a hat-trick on his England debut against Luxembourg. For that reason, I would give him another chance."

"Luther has come in for some stick because of the number of chances he misses. Maybe he should score more goals, but he gets himself into good positions and you can't criticise him for that."

"Although he's not a target man, he is big and strong and he would make life easier for Trevor, who could then put his skills to best use."

"Francis and Blissett may not be the ideal combination but I would prefer the Watford striker to Tony Woodcock, whose partnership with Trevor against Greece didn't come off."

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strikers Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock would do the damage in the last game but they failed to produce the goods against a well-disciplined defence.

Time is running out. Bobby Robson must find the answer on Wednesday or England's European Championship hopes may lay in tatters...

FRANCIS and WOODCOCK
MARINER and FRANCIS
KEEGAN and FRANCIS
KEEGAN and REGIS
FRANCIS and WITHE
MARINER and WOODCOCK
MARINER and KEEGAN
WITHE and REGIS
MARINER and REGIS
WOODCOCK and BLISSETT

| Partnership | Goals |
|-------------|-------|
| 1 | 0 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 |

THE table left shows the various striking partnerships tried and tested by England over the last 18 months.

It indicates the number of games in which the different strike forces have played and the number of goals each produced.

And the table shows that, without doubt, the most successful partnership has been that of Trevor Francis and Paul Mariner who, in the five games they played together, amassed six goals.

AYES!



Trevor Brooking — "Mark Chamberlain can exploit tightly-packed defences."



Dennis Mortimer — "Luther Blissett deserves another chance."

"Everyone had high hopes for the Francis/Woodcock combination but we never played to their strengths and kept knocking long balls down the middle.

"It's a good tactic but you must have a big man up front to receive the ball and lay it off.

"Personally, I feel the partnership was too lightweight. The only way England are going to score goals is to use the direct approach which has been a feature of our game at club level for years.

"You must attack the heart of a defence by playing long balls

leaf out of their book and varied their approach a bit instead of relying on crosses from the wings so much.

"I prefer the 4-4-2 system to any other because I feel it gives a side so much more scope.

"With four in midfield, you can have two men out wide who can push up to support the front men. At the moment, players seem to be content with knocking balls up to the front men and watching them get on with it.

"We can't afford to do that against Hungary because if we don't pick up two points, we can probably wave good-bye to the European Championship Finals.

"Trevor Francis has to be included in the side and, ideally, I would like to see him leading the charge with a target man of the calibre of Paul Mariner.

"We need someone like Paul to knock long balls up to. Unfortunately there aren't enough players in that mould around at the moment.

"Probably the only other player who fits the bill is our own Peter Withe, but I feel he is no longer in contention for an England place.

"It's a shame that Manchester United's Eire international Frank Stapleton is not English. He would be the ideal person to play up front with Trevor. That would be the answer to all our striking problems."

While Dennis goes for a wingless approach, his midfield counterpart



Trevor Francis — an automatic choice.

Trevor Brooking believes Stoke City's exciting winger Mark Chamberlain might be the man England need to break down the Hungarians.

Says Trevor, scorer of two goals against Hungary in the lead-up to last year's World Cup Finals: "I think we need a player who can get into wide positions and exploit tightly packed defences and Mark is well equipped to do that.

"I have been very impressed with his form this season. He is skilful, quick and may well get the chance to prove himself against Hungary."

Trevor agrees that Trevor Francis needs a big man alongside him in the middle. "Normally I would go for Trevor Francis and Paul Mariner, who have combined so successfully for England in the past.

"We need a big man to play the ball up to and, with his experience at international level, Paul is the ideal person.

"I can't imagine that Hungary will be very adventurous at

Wembley and, like the Greeks, will probably pack the defence.

"The use of the two small lads up front, Trevor Francis and Tony Woodcock, didn't pay off against Greece when there was little space for them to use their skills and speed.

"The combination would probably pay off away from home, where they would have more room to run at defences and use their speed to latch onto long balls played over the top.

"But that doesn't seem to work at Wembley, where I think the best plan is to have a big man playing down the middle.

"It's vital for us to beat Hungary and if we are to do that, we need to make a breakthrough early on.

"That didn't happen against Greece when, the longer the game went on, the more frustrated we became. An early goal would have given us a lot of confidence and could have opened the floodgates.

"A win against Hungary would put us in a very strong position and give us a great chance of qualifying for the Finals."

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straight down the middle. We do that at Villa with Gary Shaw feeding off Peter Withe and it has been successful for us.

"In the past, I think too much emphasis has been placed on wingers and playing the ball wide all the time. I would do away with wingers altogether at international level.

"Liverpool, who are probably one of the best club sides in the world, never use wingers and look how successful they have been.

"I think it's time England took a

WALES are pinning their European Championship hopes on the striking partnership of goal machine Ian Rush and the man they call 'Ivor the Engine'.

'Ivor', better known as Gordon Davies, has earned the reputation of being the most lethal striker outside the First Division.

And together with Liverpool's Ian Rush, the Welsh are hoping he will steer them along the right track to their French destination next year, starting with the clash with Bulgaria at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground next Wednesday.

The Fulham star has played only one game alongside Rush — against England at Wembley in the British Championship — but the partnership promises to be a world-beater.

That's the prediction of Welsh captain, Brian Flynn, who is hoping for great things from the free-scoring pair.

"I think they will prove to be great assets and could hold the key to our hopes of reaching the European Championship Finals," says the tiny midfielder.

"Although they have played just one game together, the potential is there for a lethal partnership.

"Ian is a proven goalscorer in the First Division, and the same applies to Gordon in the Second, but they have still to find their feet at international level. When they do, defences had better watch out."

Gordon himself is confident he and 'Rushy' will hit it off. He says: "I think we complement each other quite well and once we get a few games under our belts we should produce the goods."

"Manager Mike England was



GROUP FOUR Wales v Bulgaria

FULL STEAM FOR FRANCE

pleased with the way we performed at Wembley under difficult conditions. We created quite a few chances, especially in the first half, and posed England one or two problems."

Gordon is full of praise for his new striking partner and says: "Ian is a tremendous player — probably the best striker in the British Isles at the moment — and at 21 has a bright future."

"Most forwards put away one in every four or five chances, but he seems to score with every other shot. Whenever you see him on television he is either hitting the back of the net, or creating chances for others."

"At Liverpool he is surrounded by world class players such as Kenny Dalglish, who provide him with great service and make his

job a lot easier. Hopefully I can do the same at international level.

"I have had to wait a long time to make the Welsh side, but if I can strike up a good understanding with Ian I could figure permanently in Mike England's plans," says Gordon, who has the chance to stake a claim on a regular place when the Welsh take on Bulgaria.

Wales are currently top of the Group Four table, level on points with Norway and Yugoslavia, but with a game in hand.

"A win against Bulgaria would put us in a very healthy position and give us a great chance of qualifying for the Finals," says Gordon.

"Things have gone pretty well for us so far in the Championship and the feeling is that this could be our year."

"But we are not counting our chickens before they hatch and we realise there is still a long way to go."

Bulgaria have picked up just one point from their opening two games, but Gordon does not underestimate them. "They haven't set the group alight, but we'll still be treating them with the greatest of respect," he says.

"We are expected to win our home games, and so we have to go into the match with a positive attitude and look for goals."

Wales made a promising start to their European Championship campaign when they held the Yugoslavs to a 4-4 draw in Titograd last year.

Says Gordon: "That was a tremendous performance and the lads showed great spirit to keep fighting back time and again."

"Following that result we went into the Norway game with a lot of confidence, but we were lucky to beat them by the only goal... they were the better side on the night."

"It made up for the times in the past when we had played well, but didn't get the result we deserved, like during the World Cup qualifying games."

"It was very disappointing to miss the trip to Spain, especially as everyone was convinced we would qualify at one stage... hopefully we can make up for that."

Left: Brian Flynn — hoping for great things from Wales' exciting front pairing.

Inset: Gordon Davies — "The feeling is that this could be our year."

THE OPPONENTS

BULGARIA travel to Wrexham looking for their first victory in the competition, having been held 2-2 by Norway on their own soil and losing 1-0 at home to Yugoslavia.

Wales of course beat Norway 1-0 at home and they earned an incredible 4-4 draw in Yugoslavia — so on-form Mike England's men look good for victory in this one.

Bulgaria were in England's group for the last European Championship (1978-80) and Ron Greenwood's men beat them 3-0 in Sofia with goals from Kevin Keegan, Dave Watson and Peter Barnes.

Dave Watson was on the scoresheet again in the return at Wembley when England won 2-0. The other goal came from 'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle making his debut.

Things don't appear to be going any better for the Bulgarians this time around and they are currently bottom of the group with one point.

Of the current squad there are four who were in the picture when England were paired with Bulgaria in 1979 — left-back Ivan Iliev, midfielder Plamen Markov, and strikers Andrey Jeliakov and Boytcho Velichkov — the latter two of whom may be the dangers as far as Wales are concerned.

Bulgaria's likely squad: Georgi Velinov, Plamen Nikolov, Radi Zdravkov, Vassil Tintchev, Nikolay Grantcharov, Georgi Iliev, Tsvetan Yontchev, Andrey Jeliakov, Boytcho Velichkov, Plamen Markov, Spas Djevizov, Kiril Peychev, Ayan Sadakov, Dimitar Dimitrov, Stepan Naydenov, Krassimir Bezinski.

GROUP FOUR TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| WALES..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Norway..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Yugoslavia..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| Bulgaria..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

REMAINING FIXTURES:
WALES v Bulgaria — April 27; Norway v Bulgaria — Sept. 7; Norway v WALES — Sept. 21; Yugoslavia v Norway — Oct. 12; Bulgaria v WALES — Nov. 16; WALES v Yugoslavia — Dec. 14; Yugoslavia v Bulgaria — Dec. 21.





GROUP SIX N Ireland v Albania

ALBANIA UNDER ATTACK!

GOAL-SHY Northern Ireland are ready to open the floodgates.

Big defender John McClelland says: "Goalscoring has been a problem for us in the past, but I believe that could soon end."

"In our last two home games against West Germany and Turkey, we created plenty of chances but didn't put them away. It's only a matter of time before we put it right."

Northern Ireland face Albania at Windsor Park on Wednesday in a Group Six European Championship Qualifier and John is hoping the goal drought will end then.

He says: "Winning is obviously the most important consideration but, at the end of the day, goal difference could decide who goes through. We must not get left behind."

And John believes the Irish are now better equipped to score goals. He says: "The squad is no bigger but it's stronger for the experience of playing in a World Cup Finals."

"We're also more flexible. We can employ different formations without it upsetting our play."

"Wingers Ian Stewart of QPR and Blackburn's Noel Brotherston have helped. They give us flair and are capable of

NORTHERN IRELAND THREATEN GOAL BLITZ

beating opponents.

"And we've also got more options up front with Norman Whiteside, Gerry Armstrong and Billy Hamilton all in good form."

"The young Manchester United star is the one who has impressed most. After the rigours of a World Cup campaign, he's proved himself all over again with a great season for his club."

The Irish have already played in Albania this season. They were held to a 0-0 draw just before Christmas.

"Conditions were awful in Tirana. It never stopped raining and the pitch was so heavy that good football was impossible," says John.

"All the moves seemed to be broken up before the ball got to the forwards. It was a dull match because neither team created any clear-cut chances."

"Because of the terrible pitch it was very difficult to form an opinion of the Albanians. They never got a chance to play. I'm sure they'll be a different proposition in Belfast."

John is expecting a physical battle. He explains: "They are a big, strong side who never shirk a tackle."

In their last qualifier in March, the Irish beat Turkey 2-1, but Rangers skipper John admits he was disappointed with the result.

Left: QPR winger Ian Stewart — provides flair up front for Northern Ireland.



John McClelland — looking for goals against Albania.

"In the first half, we played into a strong wind so we concentrated on just holding out until the interval. As it happened, we got two goals and were confident we could get at least two more after the re-start."

"But they got the early breakaway and scored. From then on, we became apprehensive and nearly let the whole thing slide. We were disappointed when the final whistle went because we'd shown so much early promise."

Northern Ireland's best result in the tournament so far was the shock 1-0 victory over World Cup runners-up West Germany.

"We were very nervous before that game because it was our first match at home since our exploits in the World Cup."

"We'd been to a civic reception at Stormont and paraded through the streets of Belfast in an open-topped bus a couple of days before."

"I felt that despite all the euphoria, we were setting ourselves up for a fall. Fortunately we didn't let the celebrations go to our heads and turned in a great display."

Despite that, John is convinced that the team which finishes above West Germany will win their group. "They are a very strong side and that defeat by us will have hurt their pride. It will have put their backs up."

John — Ireland's only representative from a Scottish-based club — believes that his country have now lost their tag as a second rate football nation.

He says: "We aren't a joke anymore. Our exploits of late have given us a new international standing."

"Before the draw for the European Championships was made, we would have been classed as rank outsiders alongside Turkey and Albania. Now we take our place with West Germany and Austria."

The opponents

BAJAZITI... Kola... Ragami... these are the three dangermen as far as Northern Ireland are concerned.

Dashnop Bajaziti currently leads the scoring charts in the Albanian League with eight goals from 20 matches.

And his team Besa is struggling in tenth position — four off the bottom — so he's most certainly one to watch.

Agustin Kola of 17 Nentori and Fariz Ragami of Vllaznia have both scored seven goals this season.

17 Nentori are currently top of the League and Vllaznia are joint second with the better known Partizan Tirana.

Albania are most certainly the outsiders of the group however, and should hold few fears for Billy Bingham's men at Windsor Park.

Northern Ireland were held 0-0 by Albania in Tirana back in December and the opposition are obviously a more difficult proposition on their own soil but the standard of the pitch had some bearing.

Albania have yet to win a game having lost 1-0 in Turkey and going down 2-1 at home to West Germany.

One of Albania's biggest claims to fame on the international scene came in the 1966-68 European Championship when they were responsible for knocking out West Germany!

The Germans — only needing a win to go through as group winners — were held to a 0-0 draw in Tirana and Yugoslavia went through.

Albania's likely squad for the match in Belfast is: Perlat Musta, Petro Ruci, Azjan Ahmeti, Muhedin Tazgaj, Arjan Dima, Faiz Ragami, Luan Vuratana, Haxhi Ballgini, Dashnop Bajaziti, Azben Zminga, Agustin Kola, Iliz Luarabi, Schkelgim, Muca, Bedzil Omuzi, Pandali Xhaho.

GROUP SIX TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austria | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| N. IRELAND | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| W. Germany ... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Turkey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Albania | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 |

REMAINING FIXTURES:

Austria v West Germany, NORTHERN IRELAND v Albania — April 27; Albania v Turkey — May 12; Albania v Austria — June 8; NORTHERN IRELAND v Austria — Sept. 21; West Germany v Austria — Oct. 5; Turkey v NORTHERN IRELAND — Oct. 12; West Germany v Turkey — Oct. 26; West Germany v NORTHERN IRELAND, Turkey v Austria — Nov. 16; West Germany v Albania — November 20.





GROUP SEVEN

Spain
v
Eire

EIRE go into their crunch game in Spain next Wednesday with the hope of emulating their Irish neighbours' historic achievements of last summer.

Northern Ireland beat the Spanish 1-0 in the World Cup Finals, and Eire striker Frank Stapleton declares: "If they can do it, so can we."

Eire are currently lying in second place in the Group 7 table, level on points with Spain, who have played a game less.

And so it's vital that the Irish earn a result to keep in contention after dropping a point at home to the Spaniards earlier in the season.

Says Frank: "It's a crunch match for us and, because they picked up a point in Dublin, we have got to get that back... at least."

"We are expecting a tough, physical battle, but that won't deter us and we'll be going out there to win."

Eire will not only be battling against eleven Spanish players, but a packed, hostile crowd in Zaragoza.

But Frank believes his Irish colleagues are experienced enough not to let that affect them. "In fact I think we can turn it to our advantage," he says.

"As we saw in the World Cup, they soon get on the players' backs if things aren't going right and so if we can frustrate them, it could help our cause."

"If we can soak up all their early pressure and weather the storm, we could come back with a result."

"Northern Ireland proved the Spanish are vulnerable at home, and the fact that they have only won their last two games by the odd goals makes us even more optimistic."

Eire will be without key player Liam Brady, who faces a one-match international ban, after being booked in the last two European Championship games.

"We will miss Liam tremendously in Spain," says Frank. "He is a world class player and a vital link in our side."

Salvage

"It's always difficult to try and replace a player like him, but we have one or two to choose from who can come in and do a good job for us."

Frank scored two of his country's three goals to salvage a draw against the Spaniards in Dublin five months ago.

The Irish went a goal up through Ashley Grimes in the second minute, but failed to capitalise on that great start and, with just 20 minutes to go, found themselves 3-1 down.

Says Frank: "We conceded two really bad goals early in the second half, but managed to draw level and in the end could have won it."

"We learned a lot from that game and hopefully we can use that knowledge in Spain. They are very dangerous on the break but, if we can contain the midfield players, we're in with a chance."

Eire, who have collected five points from four games in the European Championship, struggled in their last match against the part-timers of Malta.

Only a last-gasp goal by Frank saved the Irish blushes. But as the Manchester United striker explains, the conditions in Malta had a lot to do with the result: "I've never played on such an awful pitch in my life, not even during my amateur days," he says. "It was like a cabbage patch and we should never have had to play on it."

Frank Stapleton —
"We can beat Spain."

PLUCK OF THE IRISH EIRE GO FOR GLORY IN SPAIN

"We tried to get the game postponed or transferred to another ground, but the Maltese obviously felt they stood a better chance on a bad surface."

"It was a terrible game, but we came through and managed to collect two points — that's the main thing."

After the disappointment of failing to qualify for the World Cup Finals, the Irish are eager to make it to the European Championship Finals in Paris next year.

"We have yet to qualify for the final of any major competition, so we're trying desperately hard to break the duck this year," says Frank.

"We missed out on the World Cup Finals last year on goal difference and that was bitterly disappointing — especially as we considered ourselves a better side than the Belgians, who went through from our group."

"We have now got a bigger squad than ever before and a fair share of world class players, such as Liam Brady and Mark Lawrenson."

"Mark has always had tremendous ability and, since his move to Liverpool, he has matured into a class player and he's a great asset to us."

THE OPPONENTS

SPAIN have been subject to a shake-up since their disappointing time in the World Cup Finals and are now under a new manager in Miguel Munoz.

Their last performance saw them beat Holland 1-0 in Seville but it took a penalty from Senor to earn them both points.

Senor is a midfield player with Zaragoza and one of the new boys in the side — his team having a particularly good season.

Other new faces likely to line up against Eire are Barcelona winger Carrasco and Sarabia of Bilbao.

But there are still some old favourites floating around like Real Madrid's Camacho — Spain's hard man in the World Cup Finals — Gordillo of Betis, who played left-back in the World Cup but has since moved up to midfield, and goalkeeper Arconada.

The two danger men could be Marcos and Victor.

Victor, now with Barcelona and formerly with Zaragoza, is a very athletic player with a powerful shot and would surely have played in the World Cup Finals but for injury.

Marcos, a winger with Barcelona, played very well down the left for Spain when they beat England 2-1 at Wembley in a friendly two years ago. Likely line-up is:

Arconada (Real Sociedad), Juan Jose (Real Madrid), Goicoechea (Bilbao), Maceda (Sporting Gijon), Camacho (Real Madrid), Victor (Barcelona), Senor (Zaragoza), Gordillo (Betis), Carrasco (Barcelona), Sarabia (Bilbao), Marcos (Barcelona), Sub; Gallego.

GROUP SEVEN TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Holland | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| EIRE | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Spain | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Malta | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Iceland | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 |

REMAINING FIXTURES: Spain v EIRE

— April 27; Malta v Spain — May 15;
Iceland v Spain — May 29; Iceland v Malta
— June 5; Holland v Iceland — Sept. 7;
Iceland v EIRE — Sept. 21; EIRE v Holland
— Oct. 12; Holland v Spain, EIRE v Malta
— November 16; Holland v Malta —
December 17; Spain v Malta — December
21.

Goalie Jeff could have run a pub...

BIRMINGHAM NEARLY DROVE ME TO DRINK!

JEFF Wealands this week revealed how he almost quit the game during a nightmare spell at Birmingham.

As he pondered over his uncertain future in Manchester United's reserves, Jeff told 'Match': "I was prepared to do anything to get away from St Andrews.

"I was seriously considering quitting the game and buying my own pub somewhere. I had even written away to several breweries for application forms... that's how close I came."

But then Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson stepped in to save Jeff's flagging career by taking him on loan until the end of the season.

"I know he only wanted me as cover for Gary Bailey, but I felt I would be better off playing in the reserves at Old Trafford than staying at Birmingham," says the 31-year-old 'keeper.

"Those last nine months at St Andrews were the worst of my career, but I'm now hoping to put them behind me.

"I don't know what's going to happen to me at the end of the loan period, but I would be only too happy to sign for United on a permanent basis," adds Jeff, who made an unexpected first team debut against Coventry at Old Trafford over Easter.

"Gary Bailey had a bit of a thigh strain and with the FA Cup Semi-Final coming up the manager decided to rest him.

"We won 3-0 and, although I didn't have much to do, I was delighted to be back in first team action again.

"I played again against Sunderland on the Monday when we drew 0-0 at Roker Park and was very pleased with my performance. If United don't sign me maybe I impressed a few people who were watching."

The game against Coventry saw Jeff's first Division One appearance for exactly a year.

Since losing his place in the first team at St Andrews he had spent most of his time playing in the reserves. And on several occasions he was picked by manager Ron Saunders to play in the third team. "That was soul destroying and I reached my lowest ebb," recalls Jeff.

By Dave Smith

"To have played over 400 first team games and then be asked to play in the third team against 16-year-old kids was ludicrous.

"But I didn't see eye to eye with Ron Saunders and that's what happened.

"I wouldn't have minded so much if he had tried to get rid of me as quickly as possible, but he never made the effort. A number of clubs had come in for me and were prepared to take me on loan, but he refused because he wanted to sell me and get the money," claims Jeff.

When the chance of a permanent move to Notts County came along, however, Jeff turned it down. "The two clubs had agreed on a fee, but I decided against the move," he says.

"Ron Saunders was obviously unhappy about it because he wouldn't speak to me for weeks after," claims Jeff.

"I went through an awful time at St Andrews. It seemed as though a big, black cloud was constantly hanging over me. It was the darkest period of my career and I just had to get away."

It was while Jeff was contemplating quitting the game and going into the licencing trade that Manchester United showed interest in him.

"I went into training one morning and was told I would be playing for the third team again," he recalls. "I went home somewhat annoyed and took the dog for a walk and when I came back the wife told me Ron Atkinson had been in touch.

"After speaking to him I had no hesitation in agreeing to go to Old Trafford on loan until the end of the season.

"There's a great atmosphere at the club, unlike St Andrews, and I feel as though I'm appreciated here a lot more.

"I still know I'm good enough to play in the top flight and don't think I would be prepared to drop down to the Third or Fourth.

"I have had offers from several clubs in Hong Kong, and if all else fails I may go there.

"I could go on playing until I'm 40," adds Jeff.



Jeff Wealands — "I know I'm still good enough to play in the top flight."



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STRIKER Mark Lillis shot to the top of our ratings charts to win Match Weekly's Third Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for January. The Huddersfield star is pictured collecting his trophy from Mr Malcolm Vincent, Huddersfield Town President's Club Executive Chairman.

CRUSH HOUR

"PENALTY areas in the Second Division resemble a tube train in the rush hour!"

That's how new Crystal Palace striker Ally Brown sums up life in the relegation zone after playing for several years in the First Division with West Brom.

"In the First Division, there's time to work and even time to think, but in the Second it's a very different kettle of fish," says the free transfer signing who Palace hope will guide them to safety.

"The marking is extremely tight and the tackling fierce," says Ally.

■ **WEST** Ham reckon the sky's the limit in their bid to counter falling attendances.

They decided to experiment with a spot of aerial advertising by hiring a light aircraft to patrol a wide area of East London on match days, trailing a banner proclaiming that particular day's fixture at Upton Park.

LEICESTER LATE SHOW

SOME people seem surprised by Leicester's late bid for promotion from Division Two — but City goalkeeper Mark Wallington certainly isn't one of them.

"I've said all along that I felt we were capable of getting promotion this season," he says. "But it's only in recent weeks that people have begun to take us seriously."

"I wasn't even bothered when the gap between the top three and the rest was at its widest because I knew that, despite the fact that we weren't playing to our full potential, we were still quietly picking up valuable points to keep us in contention."

"Now we've suddenly slipped into top gear, and we're closing fast. Obviously it's



"Nice of you to help soothe my sore feet, coach — especially as I put two into our own net!"

Fulham who appear to be under most pressure.

"I know the feeling. Last season we were in the same boat, looking certain to go up at one stage, then finding ourselves running on the spot while Norwich came up on the rails to pip us at the post."

"Wolves can't be as happy as they were, either. I felt they were certain for the Championship at one stage, but they also seem to have had their problems in recent weeks."

"They've got a bigger cushion than Fulham, though, so I think they'll still hang on — with QPR now looking the best bet for the title."

"But whatever the permutations, one thing I feel confident of is that Leicester will be in the frame. And this time you'd better believe it."

TERRY'S TIPPLE

QPR's impressive chase for the Second Division Championship earned manager Terry Venables the Bell's 'Manager of the Month' award for last month.

During March, Rangers collected 12 points from five matches to open up a five-point lead at the top of Division Two.

He received the £250 cheque and gallon bottle of scotch before last Saturday's home game with Leicester.

It's nearly four years since he last won a 'Manager of the Month' award when in charge of Crystal Palace.

Liverpool's Bob Paisley picked up his 21st Bell's award in eight seasons when named the First Division's 'Manager of the Month'.

The other divisional winners were Newport's Colin Addison and Wimbledon's Dave Bassett.

● **READING'S** Mark White scored his first goal in more than 140 League games to help his side to a crucial 2-1 win over Bournemouth.

YOUTH TEAMS WANTED

WANTED... English youth teams to play over in Switzerland this summer.

Village Camps, a Swiss company specialising in recreational programmes and holidays for youngsters all over the world, are looking for three teams.

Two school or district teams (ages 11-12 and 13-14) are sought for a tournament in Lausanne between June 24 and 26, while on July 17, a club in the Lake Geneva region are seeking English opposition to celebrate the opening of their new ground.

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■ **TWO** former Notts County stars, Don Masson and Eddie Kelly, have joined Alliance Premier League club Kettering.

Former Scotland international Don has taken over as manager on his return from playing in Hong Kong. But he is unable to play for Kettering this season because his international clearance certificate didn't come through before the transfer deadline.

However, Eddie Kelly, who has been playing with Leicester, was signed in time to line-up in the Kettering side.

■ **DAVE** Needham, the former Nottingham Forest and Notts County defender, has signed for Northern Premier League side Grantham Town.

KERRY'S CLUB

READING'S goal-hungry striker Kerry Dixon (right) now has his own fan club.

Valued at £250,000, Kerry is undoubtedly the most popular player the Third Division side has seen for years.

Kerry scored 21 goals from 22 League matches before missing eleven games through injury.

The fan club is being run by Kathy Tayler, the women's World Pentathlon Champion, who lives in Reading.

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offered a signed photograph of Kerry, plus button badge, newsletter and membership card. The address is: Thames Valley Sport, PO Box 18, Twyford, Reading RG10 9NR.

CHASE ME, CHARLIE

Nicholas annoyed by transfer talk

SCOTTISH 'wonder boy' Charlie Nicholas admits: "All this speculation about my future is getting me down."

"It annoys me that people keep trying to make up my mind for me," says the super striker, whose contract at Celtic ends in May.

Charlie has become Britain's hottest property and is being chased by top clubs both at home and abroad, but he insists: "I've no idea what I shall be doing next season."

"Celtic have made me an offer but I've told manager Billy McNeill I won't be making a decision until June at the earliest."

"I don't want to run the risk of upsetting my game in Celtic's run-in for the Championship and retaining my place in the Scotland team."

"I've got a big decision to make and that's why I'm going to take my time reaching it," says Charlie, who has already scored more than 35 goals this season.

It was after Charlie's impressive goalscoring debut for

Scotland in last month's 2-2 draw with Switzerland that speculation increased that he might be tempted to seek his fortune in the First Division.

Liverpool are reported to be interested in Charlie and his midfield team-mate Paul McStay.

No doubt Liverpool see Charlie as a long-term successor to Kenny Dalglish, another former Celtic star who partnered Charlie against the Swiss.

And playing alongside one of his Celtic idols will remain one of the highlights of Charlie's career, whatever he achieves in the future.

"I have always rated Kenny as the best player I have seen play and I was thrilled to play alongside him in a Scotland team," says Charlie.

"It was a fantastic feeling and something that I never thought would happen."

"Kenny lived up to everything I expected from him. He's hard to keep up with because he is so quick in his thinking."

"I'm hoping I get more opportunities to play with him in the Scotland team."



Wanted — that's Charlie Nicholas, but there will be no decision until June.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



"It's going to be a bit heavy going, lads."

IT'S GREAVES v CHARLTON

FORMER England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton will lead a team of Northern ex-internationals against a Southern side skippered by Jimmy Greaves in the Red Rose Soccer Classic at Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park on Wednesday, May 18 at 7.45 pm.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Guide Dogs for the

DID YOU KNOW

■ 'KEEP it in the family' has long been a Burnley policy when appointing a new manager. Frank Casper is the seventh post-war case of a former Turf Moor player being given the job. The others were: Alan Brown, Billy Dougall, Harry Potts, Jimmy Adamson, Joe Brown and Brian Miller.

■ ORIENT's David Peach and Liverpool's Phil Neal have chalked up more Football League goals than any other full-backs in soccer history. Up to the end of March, David had 70 to his credit and Phil 64.

■ IT'S long odds against the same clubs from the same division being drawn together in both the FA and Milk Cups in the same season. But it happened this term with Second Division sides Barnsley and Cambridge United. And it finished all square with Barnsley winning in the Milk Cup and Cambridge in the FA Cup.

■ ASTON Villa's Peter Withe revels in playing against his old team-mates. Over the past two seasons he has scored in five matches against his former clubs — Nottingham Forest (three), Birmingham and Wolves.

■ THREE players who have turned out for Bristol Rovers this season have chalked up an incredible aggregate of more than 550 League goals. Mike Channon is well past 200, Les Bradd around 180 and Alan Ball in the 170 bracket.

■ WEST Brom striker Peter Eastoe has the rare distinction of being transferred three times in deadline deals. He moved from Wolves to Swindon in March 1974, then to QPR in March 1976 and to Everton in March 1979.

■ WOLVES supremo Derek Dougan, who is to stand for Parliament at the next General Election, won't be the first former League player, if elected, to become an MP. John Slater, a Bolton player from 1907 to 1914, became Tory MP for Eastbourne.

TICKED-OFF TERRY

ACTIONS speak louder than words — at least that's what Newcastle manager Arthur Cox seems to believe. According to former England star Terry McDermott, who has been sent off twice this season: "The boss told me if I get my marching orders once more, he'll lock the dressing room door and we can sort it out there and then. I believe he would, too!"

Blind Association with a smaller amount going to Old Wilsonians FC, of Hayes, who are the organisers.

Last year the 1966 World Cup side and a team of ex-internationals raised more than £7,000 for the Save the Children Fund and Old Wilsonians in the first-ever Soccer Classic.

IN the dug-out, but certainly not in the dog house! Talented Luton pair Ricky Hill (left) and Paul Walsh keep smiling as they warm to the task of lifting the 'Hatters' away from the relegation zone.



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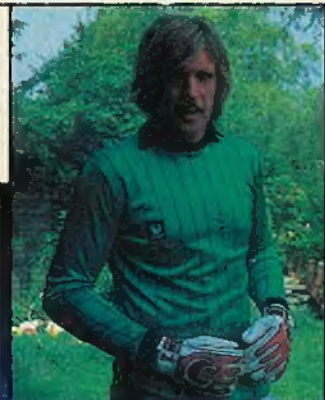
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ABERDEEN are back at Hampden for our second Scottish Cup Final in a row... but what a bruising battle we suffered to get there.

The game against Celtic was one of the hardest I've ever played in and our team bus was more like an ambulance for the coach journey home.

Our entire midfield finished the game nursing some kind of injury and at one stage we were playing the Premier Division Champions with just nine men!

Neale Cooper had to go to hospital with a broken nose and concussion, while myself, Eric Black, Dougie Bell and Neal Simpson suffered ankle injuries as the tackles went flying in.

Towards the end of the game I could hardly walk. After 15 minutes I bruised my right foot in a tackle and couldn't kick the ball properly. I could only hit it with the side of my foot.

I never expected the game to be so physical and that's where I believe Celtic made their big blunder. I was disappointed that they didn't play the fluent football for which they are so well known.

But they picked the wrong side for a battle like that. You can't expect to mix it against the likes of Willie Miller and Alex McLeish. They've seen it all before.

If Celtic had played their normal game I'm sure they'd have stood a better chance. I suppose we should feel honoured that they felt they had

CELTIC'S BLUNDER

Their change of style didn't work

to change their style of play against us.

The reason it was so scrappy was that everyone was determined to win. Both teams have played in semi-finals before and they know exactly what's at stake.

After playing in a Final there is nothing worse than going out of a competition one step away and having to watch the game on television. It's the worst feeling in the world.

Obviously Celtic were rocked by the stunning news that scoring sensation Charlie Nicholas couldn't play. The youngster picked up an injury on the Friday afternoon.

Charlie is the most lethal striker in Europe at the moment and any side is bound to miss a man who has scored more than 40 goals this season.

But Celtic have a very good deputy in George McCluskey and he's scored heaps of goals during his career at Parkhead. I feel he's been unlucky not to hold down a regular first team place there for the last two seasons.

Even with Charlie Nicholas in the Celtic side we would have won. Our back four were fantastic and goalkeeper Jim Leighton only had one shot to save.

I was never in doubt that we'd win the game — even though following a few poor results in the League, we'd been made underdogs.

A lot of nonsense was being talked. People were saying that we were beginning to feel the pressure of chasing three major trophies and that we were finding the going tough.

But we never felt like that because despite results we've been playing well. The 1-0 defeat at Rangers the week before was unbelievable. We should never have lost.

After that game manager Alex Ferguson came into the dressing room and said he couldn't criticise anyone. We didn't have a bad player on the pitch.

The build-up to the semi-final went perfectly and it was the first week I can remember this season when we've had the whole squad training together. Usually there are a couple missing through injury or international call-ups.

The pressure was also off us in the European Cup Winners' Cup. After beating the Belgians of Waterschei 5-1 in the first leg of the semi-final we were in a confident frame of mind.

Winger Peter Weir was the hero of the hour at Hampden. He came on as substitute and scored the only goal of the game 25 minutes from the end.

It was all down to some good work by young Eric Black. He controlled the ball really well after a throw-in from Stewart Kennedy to lash in a cross to the far post. Peter just had to nudge it in.

Funnily enough there were no great feelings of euphoria after the game. It was more a case of 'Thank God that's over'.

Cup semi-finals can be nasty things and there's always a sigh of relief when you've come



Neale Cooper — had to go to hospital with a broken nose and concussion

through with the job well done.

There was also a strange atmosphere at Hampden Park. Because of redevelopment, the stand where the Rangers fans congregate has been taken down and that left a great big gap.

It was unreal, but I'm told everything will be back to normal for the Final in May.

Unlike our counterparts in England, Manchester United and Brighton, we didn't have time to celebrate. The manager had us all in on Sunday morning in preparation for the second leg against Waterschei.

Rangers defender Craig Paterson put through his own net to give St Mirren a 1-1 draw in the other semi-final at Parkhead.

That was a great result for St Mirren, who reached two semi-finals last season without actually making it to Hampden.

Gordon Strachan

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

The Aberdeen ace celebrates Saturday's victory over Celtic in the Semi-Finals of the Scottish Cup.



December 11

BOTTOM OF DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Arsenal | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 23 | 23 |
| Southampton | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 31 | 22 |
| Swansea | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 30 | 21 |
| Brighton | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 18 | 36 | 21 |
| Luton | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 20 |
| Norwich | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 17 |
| Birmingham | 18 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 27 | 17 |
| SUNDERLAND | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 21 | 37 | 14 |

April 9

BOTTOM OF DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| SUNDERLAND | 34 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 40 | 47 | 44 |
| Notts Co | 36 | 13 | 5 | 18 | 49 | 64 | 44 |
| Man. City | 36 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 43 | 63 | 41 |
| Swansea | 34 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 36 | 52 | 37 |
| Birmingham | 34 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 44 | 50 | 36 |
| Luton | 34 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 31 | 46 | 34 |
| Brighton | 33 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 52 | 70 | 34 |
| | 34 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 33 | 60 | 34 |

ROKER REVIVAL!
Spotlight on the
Sunderland surge
that surely
guarantees them
First Division
football again
next season . . .

THE goalscoring exploits of Sunderland striker Gary Rowell are a major factor behind the 'Roker Revival'.

But Gary, who has notched up almost 20 League and cup goals, puts his side's change in fortune down to the arrival of Frank Worthington from Leeds and Leighton James from Swansea.

"They have proved to be two great buys and have added a new dimension to our play," he says.

"We were mainly a young side, but Frank and Leighton brought experience which was lacking before . . . they've made all the difference."

The passionate North East club now look certain to avoid the drop into the Second Division and, up until Easter, were outside contenders for a place in Europe.

But it was a completely different story just before Christmas when they were rock bottom.

They had collected a meagre 14 points from 18 games, having won just three matches all season.

But following the crushing 3-0 defeat at the hands of West Brom on December 11, the boys from Wearside lost only two of their next 16 games — and one of those was against Champions Liverpool.

"It's been an incredible turn-around for us, and one we hardly expected," says Gary. "Since Christmas everything has gone well and confidence is now sky-high."

"There has always been great spirit in the club — even when we were points adrift and struggling at the bottom — and it's come through in the last few months."

"At one stage, our sole concern was First Division survival, but now there's no way we'll do down and, if things continue the way they have been going, we should attain a respectable position in the middle of the table."

Sunderland began the season with high hopes, but things soon began to turn sour.

After winning two of their opening three games they went through a disastrous 15-match spell when they collected just seven points.

"We had a diabolical start to the season, which put us under a lot of pressure, and it took us a while to recover from it," recalls Gary.

"I don't think we were playing as badly as our position suggested . . . we just never got the breaks in front of goal when it mattered most."

"We began to lack confidence on the park and we reached our lowest ebb when we were hammered 8-0 at Watford. They played brilliantly that day and we were awful."

"After a defeat like that, it's always difficult to lift yourself for the next game, but we showed what character there is in the side by beating Norwich 4-1 the following week."

It seemed that their fortunes might change after that confidence-boosting win, but Sunderland fans had to wait more than two months to see their side win again.

They beat Arsenal at Roker Park in

Gary Rowell — scored ten goals in 16 games as Sunderland leapt up the table.

SUNDERLAND SURGE ON!

THE ROKER RESURRECTION

SUNDERLAND had collected just 14 points from 18 games up until December 11 but from their next 16 matches they amassed 30 points to steer them clear of the relegation zone. Here's how they did it:

| Date | Opponent | Score | Scorer |
|---------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Dec. 18 | Arsenal (h) | 3-0 | Rowell 3 |
| Dec. 27 | Man. Utd (a) | 0-0 | |
| Dec. 28 | Liverpool (h) | 0-0 | |
| Jan. 1 | Nott'm F. (a) | 0-0 | |
| Jan. 3 | Notts Co (a) | 1-0 | Cummins |
| Jan. 15 | Aston Villa (h) | 2-0 | Worthington, o.g |
| Jan. 22 | Spurs (a) | 1-1 | Cummins, pen |
| Feb. 5 | Coventry | 2-1 | Cummins, Rowell |
| Feb. 19 | Southampton (a) | 0-2 | |
| Feb. 26 | Man. City (h) | 3-2 | Rowell 2, 1 pen, Atkins |
| Mar. 5 | Everton (h) | 2-1 | Rowell 2, 1 pen |
| Mar. 12 | Stoke (a) | 1-0 | Rowell |
| Mar. 19 | Swansea (h) | 1-1 | Rowell |
| Mar. 26 | Luton (a) | 3-1 | Pickering 2, James |
| Apr. 2 | Liverpool (a) | 0-1 | |
| Apr. 4 | Man. Utd (h) | 0-0 | |

◆ Sunderland's score first in each case.

that way.

"We could only manage a draw against United and considered ourselves somewhat unlucky to lose by the odd goal to Liverpool."

Despite Sunderland's early-season problems, Gary managed to keep finding the back of the net and, in recent weeks, the goals have continued to flow.

"I've been very pleased with my form this season and just hope I can keep scoring goals to help lift us into a mid-table position," he says.

"If we can do that, it will be a good platform on which to build next season when I fancy us to do well in the League. Sunderland are a team to watch!"

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Tommy; 24, Benson.
Alan; 22, George Lawrence; 23
bounces; 16, Cripps; 17, post; 19,
Hopkinson; 10 Bill; 11 four; 13
North County; 9 Eddie
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4/b; 5/d; 6/a
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Peter Shilton.
Keegan and Terry McDermott; 8
0, 6 Paul Mariner; 7 Kevin
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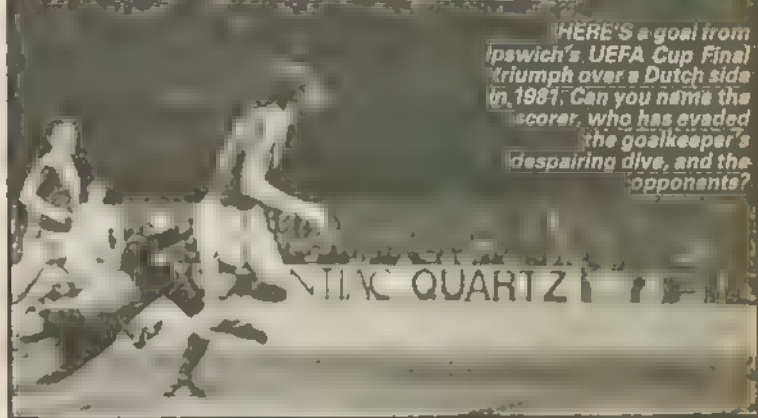
The answer to last week's 'Masked Man' was Ipswich striker Eric Gates.

MATCH 'EM UP

MATCH up the Third Division strikers on the left with the clubs on the right.

- | | |
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| 1 Steve Elliott | a) Newport |
| 2 Paul Randall | b) Cardiff |
| 3 Kerry Dixon | c) Bristol Rovers |
| 4 Jeff Hemmerson | d) Oxford |
| 5 Mick Vinter | e) Preston |
| 6 Tommy Tynan | f) Reading |

STOP THE ACTION



HERE'S a goal from Ipswich's UEFA Cup Final triumph over a Dutch side in 1981. Can you name the scorer, who has evaded the goalkeeper's despairing dive, and the opponents?

SUBBUTEO BROTHERS BID FOR GLORY

BROTHERS David and Peter Matthews are favourites to complete a family double in the English National Finals on the Match Weekly/Subbuteo Championships at Wembley on Sunday May 1.

But if the Cheltenham lads bring home the junior and senior crowns, it's unlikely they'll be able to represent England in the Home International Championship at the end of next month.

"We will both be heavily committed with exams then and won't be able to afford the time should we win at Wembley," explains 19-year-old David, who is studying biology at Leicester University.

"But there is talk of some more international matches later in the year, and hopefully we will get our chance then."

Match Weekly publicity manager Ian Templeton (centre) referees a Subbuteo clash between Cheltenham brothers David (right) and Peter Matthews, who will be bidding for a double at Wembley at the end of the month.

Both won their respective South West Regional titles earlier this year, with 16-year-old Peter successfully defending his junior crown.

David was beaten in the Semi-Finals of the National Finals last year: "The other Semi-Finalists won't be at Wembley, and on that basis I suppose I must start as favourite," says David, who will be carrying the colours of Manchester United on the big day.

"We're probably two of the most experienced players in the Finals because Peter has also played in the National Finals."

The brothers have been playing as many as four games a day during the Easter holidays in readiness for the Finals.

"We're hoping to get some competitive matches in before Wembley," says Peter, who will be playing with his favourite Newcastle United set.

"With exams in the offing, we don't get as much practice as we would like, but we are just keeping our fingers crossed that we'll be good enough on the day."

"There's no real secret to our success. We play faster than most people but it's knowing when to play fast that counts."

WEMBLEY TOURS MUST BE WON

sound and pictures of the first-ever Wembley Final in 1923.

Then there are free refreshments and a chance to browse round the club shop which is full of attractive souvenirs.

The winners and runners-up can visit the stadium on whichever day they choose.

The tours are conducted daily throughout the year, except for Thursdays, the day before, the day of, or the day after a major event.

The tours start at 10am, 11am, 12 noon, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning Wembley tour tickets is to take a careful look at the two drawings on this page.

They may look identical, but there are ten deliberate differences. Just circle the differences with a pen on cartoon B, fill in the entry form, stating your name and address, and send it off to:

Wembley Competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UP.

The first five correct entries pulled out of the 'Match Weekly' postbag will receive the tickets and vouchers, with the next 100 getting two tickets each.

Entries close on Friday, April 29 and the results will be announced in our May 14 issue.

Good luck!



EUROPEAN TEASER

ENGLAND face Hungary in a vital European Championship qualifier at Wembley next Wednesday.

But what's your memory like on the two World Cup qualifying clashes between the teams in 1981?

- 1 What was the score in Hungary?
- 2 Who scored two of England's goals that night?
- 3 Who scored a penalty in

Hungary?

- 4 Who was in the England goal that night?
- 5 What was the score in the return at Wembley?
- 6 Who scored England's winner that night?
- 7 Two current Newcastle players were in the England team. Name them.
- 8 Who was the England goalkeeper that night?

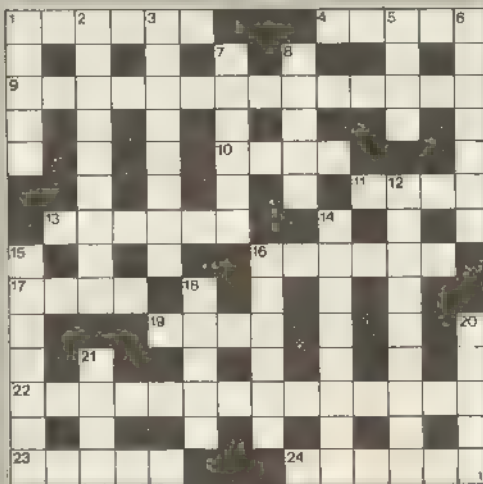
SOCCERWORD

ACROSS

4. & 1. One of the clubs nicknamed "The Magpies" (5,6)
9. He spent nearly twenty years with Bolton Wanderers and was England's regular 'keeper before Ron Springett moved in (5,9)
10. — McGarry was the manager of Ipswich before Bobby Robson (4)
11. The number of times Wolves have won the FA Cup (4)
13. The — of the ball is not always predictable (6)
16. This favourite Millwall defender played over 400 League games for them before rounding of his career with Charlton in the mid 1970s (6)
17. A well-placed penalty will go just inside it (4)
19. One of the Kamaras (4)
22. Oxford borrowed this forward from Southampton last season and signed him this season (6,8)
23. — Lawton managed 4 & 1 across (5)
24. New man managing at Maine Road this season (6)

DOWN

1. Do a defender's job (5)
2. 'No drudges' (anagram) the word used to describe the team expected to lose easily (8)
3. Nickname of Swansea City... (3,5)
5. ... and nickname of their boss (4)
6. Mark — was frequently on the mark for Aldershot last season but hasn't netted many this time out (7)



7. Coventry and Ipswich did it over Manchester United last season (6)
8. Several brave 'keepers have suffered a fractured one (5)
12. The players of the other side (9)
14. One of the most famous scorelines in soccer — the one by which Hungary won at Wembley in 1953 (3-5)
15. Mick — moved from Blackburn to Grimsby this season (7)
18. Jimmy (formerly of Fulham and Manchester City) sounds like a famous Welsh castle but he actually turned out for Eire (6)
19. Chelsea are "The —" (5)
20. One of Plymouth Argyle's colours (5)
21. Players play well when they're in this (4)



Name
Address
Age

THIS is Bristol Rovers Football Club.

Behind the changing room on the edge of the practice pitch, there is a small portable office block which has been the Third Division club's headquarters for nearly a year.

Since moving out of Eastville Stadium — their home for over 50 years — Rovers have run things from their lonely training ground on the outskirts of the city, within earshot of the busy Bristol to London M4 motorway.

Manager Bobby Gould sums up the club's plight when he admits: "We are homeless."

But likeable Bobby remains cheerful through all adversities. He's used to football's ups and downs after nearly 20 topsy-turvy years in the game.

"In the first two weeks I was manager here, the club lost their ground, their chairman and three of my players suffered broken legs!

"And we have to accept that we

don't have a proper home and make the best of what we have got. The facilities were very basic when we first came here but we are gradually moving in the right direction."

And moving in the right direction will see, with financial aid from the Sports Council, a £150,000 Astroturf pitch installed at the club's headquarters in the close season.

Rovers now only lease Eastville on match days and it's an arrangement that will last for the next five years. "After that I don't know what will happen. It's out of my hands," says Bobby.

There were reports that Rovers may be considering a plan to share Ashton Gate — home of arch rivals Bristol City — but Bobby is quick to scotch those rumours.

He said: "The rivalry between

the clubs is too fierce. There's no way the Rovers fans would want to share."

Bobby returned to Rovers, where he made 35 League appearances, in October 1981 following the sacking of Terry Cooper. Ironically, the former England and Leeds star is now his opposite number at Bristol City.

Rovers were having their first taste of Third Division football for seven years. They had just been relegated alongside their city neighbours.

"The financial problems at Rovers were unbelievable. I was amazed at the set-up. Some of the

players were being paid excessive wages for a Third Division club. My first job was to prune those costs."

A sign of the club's financial problems was the fact he was forced to sell star midfielder Gary Mabbutt to Spurs in the close season for £125,000.

Bobby says: "There's no doubt his sale kept the club in business. Fortunately, the fans took the news very well. I think they realised we had to sell to survive."

"It hasn't surprised me how quickly Gary has settled into the Tottenham team, although I didn't think he'd get an England call-up so quickly."

RENT-A

STORIES: ANTHONY HAWKSWELL



BOBBY Gould has his brother Trevor to thank for uncovering a gem in striker Nicky Platnauer.

Trevor, then manager of non-League Bedford Town, recommended the 21-year-old former bank clerk to Bobby when the Southern League club went into liquidation in the close season.

And Nicky, who thought his chance in professional football had gone, has made a big impact on the Third Division after an indifferent start.

"I thought I'd blown my chances the first day I came down here on trial," admits Nicky. "I'd just come back from a holiday in Majorca and wasn't very fit."

"I played in a reserve game against Swindon and wasn't really very pleased with my performance. It came as quite a shock when the club offered me terms."

"I had no hesitation in giving up my job in the bank. It has always been my ambition to play professional football," says Leicester-born Nicky.

"My aim this season was to establish myself in the first team and, at one stage, it didn't look as though I was going to do that."

"I did all the pre-season training

PURE GOULD!

Bobby's brother unearths a gem

and went up to Scotland for a tour with the rest of the squad, but then I tore the ligaments in my knee and that kept me out for a while."

The youngster made a goalscoring debut against Torquay when he scored within four minutes and he says: "That has to be the highlight of my career so far."

Nicky has found little difficulty adapting to full-time football and he says: "I'm really enjoying it even though there's more pressure on me. As a professional, you think about the game more and winning is the most important thing."

"The standard is obviously much higher because you are playing with much better players. I've learned a lot from being alongside the likes of Alan Ball and Aidan McCaffery."



New striker Nicky Platnauer — plucked from non-League Bedford.

Bobby's only cash outlay has been £5,000 to Bath City for Graham Withy and he also raided the non-League market to bring in a few new faces — including striker Nicky Platnauer.

"One of the most pleasing aspects of the season has been the way the signings from part-time football have settled in.

"I've also been encouraged by the youngsters in the side. Players like George Williams, Neil Slatter and Ian Holloway have all gone some way to establishing themselves.

"I'm still a rookie in the management business so it's

important that the players I bring in are successful. It shows that my judgment can't be that bad."

Even following their 5-0 defeat at Walsall, Bobby refuses to accept that the club have blown their hopes of Second Division football.

After the 1-1 draw at Millwall, we had 67 points. At the beginning of the season I said 80 points would be enough to see a team go up.

"I believe the Third Division has been the best of the lot this season. There have been more goals, more positive football and bigger gates.

"There are a lot of big teams in

this division. Great names from the past such as Huddersfield, Portsmouth and Sheffield United have all helped to add to the interest.

"The best footballing side we've come up against is Huddersfield and I was very impressed with Lincoln before they had all their problems at boardroom level."

Bobby believes that Rovers' main problem this season has been their inability to win the big games against the top clubs.

He says: "The only top team we've beaten is Portsmouth and that was by a comfortable 5-1 margin back in November.

"I feel we haven't had the right mental approach to the crucial games. That's why I brought in first Mike Channon and then Alan Ball.

"Those signings had two benefits. From a spectator's point of view, it showed that the club was making an effort and wanted success, and on the playing side, they added experience.

"Unfortunately, Mike had a torrid time personally but while he was here the club rose from eighth to second in the Third Division.

"Mike's main difficulty was adapting to life in lower reaches. He was used to the skills of the top flight.

"I knew Alan Ball would be okay because he had already played in the Fourth Division with Blackpool. Since he's been here, he's had just three poor games and



Bobby Gould. "We are homeless."

that's not bad for someone of 37."

Rovers are now the top dogs in Bristol following the sad decline of City, who have fallen from the First to the Fourth Division in successive seasons.

"The City fans have gone through a nightmare and now, for the first time in 20 years, we are the top team.

"There's unbelievable rivalry between the two sides and we're now determined to stay as the top team. It's the biggest incentive we can have."

Bobby, who played for ten different League clubs in a distinguished career, is thoroughly enjoying life on the other side even though his managerial career got off to a turbulent start at Chelsea.

He was former World Cup hero Geoff Hurst's assistant at Stamford Bridge before he felt the sharp pain of the bullet when results weren't going right.

"You bounce back from set-backs like that. In all walks of life you build up a resilience. In management the rewards are high, but so is the price of failure.

"If you look at all the top managers nowadays, most of them have had the sack. Bobby Robson had an unsuccessful spell at Fulham and now he's manager of England!"

ROVERS FACTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD

1920 Original member of Division Three, 1921-53 Division Three (South), 1953-62 Division Two, 1962-74 Division Three, 1974-81 Division Two, 1981-Division Three

HONOURS

Best season Division Two, 6th 1955-56
1958-59 Division Three (South) champions
1952-53, Division Three runners-up, 1973-74
FA Cup best season 6th Round 1950-51,
1957-58, League Cup best season 5th Round
1970-71, 1971-72

MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR

Brough Fletcher, Bert Tenn, Fred Ford, Brit Dodgin (senior), Don Megson, Bobby Campbell, Harold Jarman, Terry Cooper and Bobby Gould

LEAGUE PROGRESS SINCE 1971

| Season | Division | Position |
|---------|----------|----------|
| 1971-72 | Three | 6th |
| 1972-73 | Three | 5th |
| 1973-74 | Three | 2nd |
| 1974-75 | Two | 19th |
| 1975-76 | Two | 18th |
| 1976-77 | Two | 15th |
| 1977-78 | Two | 18th |
| 1978-79 | Two | 16th |
| 1979-80 | Two | 19th |
| 1980-81 | Two | 22nd |
| 1981-82 | Three | 15th |

-PITCH ROVERS

Match meets Bobby's 'homeless heroes'

STRIKER Paul Randall has a special place in the hearts of the Bristol Rovers supporters.

He's their man on the field — the fans having raised £55,000 between them to bring him back to the club after a short spell in the Potteries with First Division Stoke.

Paul, the club's leading scorer this season, says: "I've always had a very good rapport with the fans at Eastville and I was very flattered to think they'd go to such lengths to bring me back."

Hard-up Rovers couldn't afford the asking price so the supporters set about raising the cash with a series of sponsored events and functions.

Paul, who started his League career at Rovers, rejoined them in January 1981 and has since repaid the fans' faith by becoming the club's most consistent striker.

The 25-year-old thought his chances of breaking into professional football had gone after being turned down by Manchester City, Bristol City and Cardiff.

"When I left school, I worked in a supermarket and it wasn't until I was 19 that then Rovers manager Don Megson spotted me playing for a local league side."

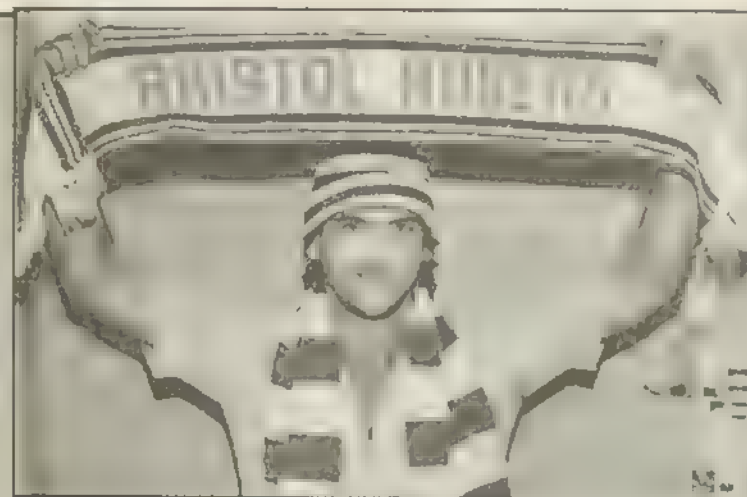
After scoring on his debut against Cardiff on the opening day of the 1977-78 season, Paul finished the campaign as the club's leading scorer and attracted the interest of top clubs.

It was Stoke who splashed out £175,000 for Paul and he helped them win promotion to the First Division.

But then life at the Victoria Ground began to turn sour as he explains:

"Manager Alan Durban decided to play Garth Crooks and Brendan O'Callaghan up front and as they were scoring goals, most of my time was spent in the reserves.

"It was very disappointing for me because when I did get a chance to play in the side, I was used as a wide midfielder player and that wasn't helping



The fans' choice... striker Paul Randall. He was bought by the Bristol Rovers supporters.

Fans' cash paid for striker Randall

my game. I wanted to be played as a striker and nothing else.

"I had a chat with Alan Durban and he agreed to let me go if another club wanted to buy me. I was delighted when I heard Rovers wanted me back.

"Even though I had to take a back seat at Stoke for much of the time, I learned a great deal during my spell there. Playing alongside Howard Kendall, Mike Doyle and Denis Smith gave me a tremendous insight into the game."

Rovers' push for promotion has suffered a couple of setbacks in the last few weeks, but Paul hasn't given up

hope of playing in the Second Division next season. "We are still up there. This division won't be decided until the very last match of the season.

"If we don't go up, we'll only have ourselves to blame — especially after making such a good start. We are finding it harder now because teams are coming here and combatting the way we play.

"There are a lot of good teams in the Third Division and the standard is very high," says Paul, whose League goal tally stood at 19 following the 1-1 draw at Millwall.



"We're on our way!" That seems to be the message from Kevin Moran as he congratulates happy Bryan Robson after he'd scored the equaliser

Below: Skipper Bryan Robson and Gordon McQueen watch in anguish as a goalscoring chance goes begging



United's Kevin Moran (5) and Ray Wilkins (8) are stranded as Tony Woodcock stabs Arsenal into a shock 35th minute lead

Now United face that...

INTRODUCING the main contest of the year...

In the red corner, representing the North — Manchester United: European Cup winners; League Champions on seven occasions; four times victorious in the FA Cup!

And in the blue corner, representing the South — Brighton: Once finished sixteenth in Division One; never before beyond the Fifth Round in the FA Cup!

The footballing traditions of the two teams bound for Wembley and soccer's most glittering showpiece could not be farther apart

Ron Atkinson's expensive, star-spangled 'Red Devils' — back beneath the famous twin towers for the second time this season — will be the big city favourites. Hot favourites.

But few could deny Jimmy Melia's seaside 'Seagulls' have earned the right to share soccer's big day

And who is going to say it's not to be their year?

Brighton it was who knocked out one-time favourites Liverpool — at Anfield no less — and their passage has been far from easy.

Second Division Sheffield Wednesday provided the final hurdle in a Highbury encounter that produced some heart-stopping moments.

Jimmy Case, on the scoresheet in Brighton's previous three Cup clashes, made it four in a row with a screamer from fully 25 yards to give Brighton the lead.

But Wednesday, their tails up and their fans in full voice equalised after 60 minutes when Ante Mirocevic bundled the ball over the line.

At the other end big Mick Lyons blocked one attempt and then Gary Stevens missed a free header

Brighton's Steve Foster cleared off the line from an Andy McCulloch header and then the breakthrough came.

With eight minutes of normal time left Jimmy Case found Gordon Smith with a superb through ball. Smith's shot was blocked, but he took it inside where Michael Robinson blasted home the winner

Wednesday refused to die and it was left to Brighton goalkeeper Graham Moseley to pull off two marvellous saves — including a stinging header from Sheffield dangerman Gary Bannister.

The fans reserved one of the biggest cheers for Moseley as he emerged from the stadium to board the coach and he told 'Match'

"Naturally I was pleased to make those saves at what was a

VILLA PARK FACTS

| | Man Utd | Arsenal |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Goals scored | 10 | 8 |
| Free kicks taken | 1 | 1 |
| Offsides against | 1 | 1 |
| Shots on target | 9 | 6 |
| Shots off target | | |

HIGHBURY FACTS

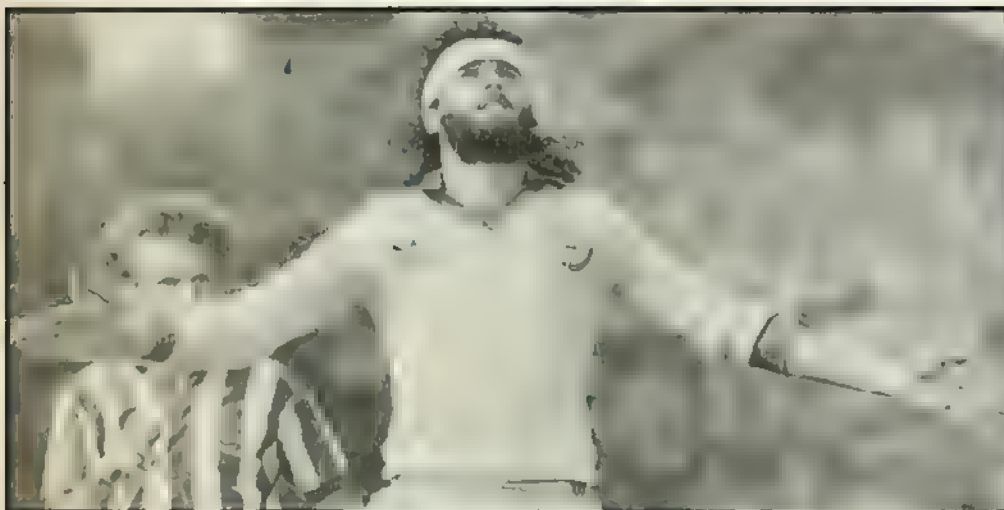
| | Brighton | Sheff Wed |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Goals scored | 4 | 3 |
| Free kicks taken | 1 | 1 |
| Offsides against | 1 | 1 |
| Shots on target | 9 | 7 |
| Shots off target | | |



Goal! Brighton's Michael Robinson (9) crashes home the winner after good work by Gordon Smith. The Wednesday supporters massed behind the goal are stunned.



MELIA MAGIC!



Brighton skipper Steve Foster — praised by manager Jimmy Melia for his courageous performance — seems to be looking to the heavens for inspiration as he prepares to win a high ball

Right: The heads go up and Brighton's Gary Stevens wins out in this challenge for a high ball with Wednesday's Andy McCulloch.

Highbury pictures by Phil Bagnall. Villa Park pictures by Lawrence Lustig

vital time. The first was pure instinct but the lads reckon it's about time I earned my keep!"

Gordon Smith, who set up Brighton's winner, can now look forward to his second Final of the season — having played for Rangers in their League Cup Final defeat at the hands of Celtic

"Playing at Wembley will mean a lot more to me because I have been involved all the way. And this time I want to come out a winner

"We'll go into the match as underdogs but we're not going there just to finish runners-up.

"Jimmy Case gave us a tremendous start with a marvellous first goal and played a lovely through ball to me for the winner.

"My first-time shot was blocked by the 'keeper and I could see

Mick Lyons coming to challenge so I took it inside towards Mike Robinson and left it for him. I just shouted 'hit it'.

"It seemed ages after that before the final whistle. I just kept looking up at the clock and thinking 'how much longer'. When the referee did blow it was a mixture of joy and relief."

Manager Jimmy Melia summed it all up when he said: "I just can't believe it. It's a tremendous result and a marvellous feeling

"But we deserve to be where we are and I'm confident for the Final

"We were a bit more relaxed than Wednesday and it was a bit easier than I expected. We were in command from the word go and while we gave away a stupid goal I thought we won the game comfortably."



In the other Semi-Final, Manchester United fans danced on 'The Gunners' grave for the second time this season as Villa Park erupted following 'The Reds' dramatic 2-1 victory.

Unable to control their excitement the United hordes mobbed their heroes and one youngster picked up a souvenir he'll treasure forever... the number seven shirt of skipper Bryan Robson.

As the celebrations got under way, United manager Ron Atkinson said: "Even when we were one goal down I was confident we'd win it

"I could sense that the lads were determined to have a

thrash in the second half and we won it with two classic goals. They were sheer poetry."

Skipper Bryan Robson scored United's equaliser, but the hero of the afternoon was teenage sensation Norman Whiteside. The Northern Ireland star shot them into the Final with a spectacular 70th minute drive.

The youngster said: "Even though we lost I enjoyed the Milk Cup Final against Liverpool. I'm determined to enjoy this one even more

"In just 12 months I'll have played in a World Cup series, and two Finals at Wembley. It's unbelievable. I'm very lucky that things have fallen for me."



Above: Jimmy's jewel! Wednesday 'keeper Bob Bolder dives in vain as that Jimmy Case 25-yarder crashes in off the crossbar.



Heart-stopping action as Steve Foster clears off the line with this overhead kick.

BRIGHTON

BREEZE IN

Right: My hero! The moment one delirious fan will never forget as he celebrates with Brighton matchwinner Mike Robinson.

Below: Ante Mirocovic puts the ball in for Wednesday's equaliser and Gary Shelton (6) wheels away in delight, but it's horror for Brighton's Stevens (left) and Smillie.





Above: Who loves ya baby? Norman Whiteside, scorer of United's winner, is swept off his feet by an adoring fan.



Left: Frank Stapleton powers in a header despite the attention of Arsenal's Talbot, O'Leary and Whyte.

Below: Villa Park heaves with excitement as Gary Bailey pushes the ball over his bar. Vladimir Petrovic looks on.

RON'S REDS ROAR BACK



MEMORIES of England's lost battle with Hungary will come flooding back to me when the lads take to the field on Wednesday evening.

That game was back in November 1981 and England had to win to make sure of a place in the World Cup Finals.

And win we did. In front of 100,000 Wembley fans and millions of anxious television viewers, I scored the goal which took England to semi-finals. It was one of the highlights of my career.

The next game against the Magyars is just as important, especially in view of England's disappointing 0-0 home draw against Greece last month. It's imperative we win to keep our European Championship hopes alive.

Our task will be more difficult because the Hungarians will be putting up more resistance than they did last time. On that occasion, they had already qualified for the World Cup Finals and weren't totally committed to their cause.

If we had beaten the Greeks, we could have got away with a draw next Wednesday but that's not the case now. The fact we must get a result will put extra pressure on the players, but it's something they'll have to live with.

Hungary are the big dangers when it comes to them, they can sneak three points off us, I'm sure it would put them through to the Finals in France next summer.

We do have the psychological boost of having beaten them to a World Cup qualifier in Budapest when they really were trying. Trevor Brooking got two goals in a great 3-1 victory over them. A similar result at Wembley would suit England fine.

My Achilles tendon injury means that I'll be confined to a spectator's role — just as I was for the Greece game.

MAGYAR MEMORIES

I watched from the stands with my former Ipswich and England skipper Mick Mills as we struggled to break down the packed Greek defence.

One of the main reasons I went was to watch the performances of Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis. I have a vested interest in the situation as the three of us have been vying for the two England forward positions for the last few years.

I was very excited at the prospect of the pairing. In paper, Tony and Trevor are a devastating duo and, with Steve Coppell and Alan Devonshire on the flanks, you had a potential world-beating forward line.

Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be. England were frustrated by a very organised Greek side.

Wembley isn't the best place to be when you can't score — especially against weaker opposition — and the fans voiced their frustration on the players.

I'm sure Bobby Robson will experiment with his forward formation again. They could really work.

Just that. Tony and Trevor are great players and great goalcorers.

I rate Arsenal striker Tony as the best I've ever played alongside. We complement each other and always seem to do well together.

It has been frustrating for me sitting on the sidelines because I feel as though England could be doing better because of the troublesome injury.

I miss the international involvement. A change is as good as a rest and it's great to meet different players and talk about what's going on at other clubs.

The injury hasn't kept me out of League action following our 0-0 setback against Notts County. Woodcock have a battle on our hands to creep into a European place.

We said to ourselves before the game against Aston Villa that we needed to win all our home games to make sure of a place in Europe.

The draw against Jimmy Sirrel's men at Portman Road was a bad result for us.

Of course, County never looked like scoring, but the defence was well drilled and they played the offside trap to perfection. The game had all the hallmarks of a classic 0-0 draw.

On Saturday we travel to Sunderland and all the pressure is on us. If we still haven't a place in Europe next season, we've got to beat the team from Roker Park.

And there's nothing to be done for it because the beginning of the season, Alan Durbin's men have put together a wonderful record and will clear of the relegation zone.

I must admit that I thought they were dead and buried, but the introduction of older heads like Frank Worthington and Leighton James seems to have transformed them.

Players like Nick Pickering and Gary Rowell have arrived since their arrival and Sunderland are back in a very good place.

The following Saturday we get involved in the relegation battle at the bottom of the First Division when we travel to Swansea — one of the toughest teams in the league.

It's incredible how their fortunes have slumped in the last 12 months. A year ago they were rubbing shoulders with the Liverpool and Manchester United at the top of the table. Now they are showing relegation in the face.

They've just blown by and things have gone from bad to worse. Manager John Toshack has now taken a calculated gamble and replaced players like Ray Kennedy and Leighton James with youth.

On the club scene, everyone at Ipswich is very concerned about the back injury to Eric Gates and the striker has been confined to bed for two weeks.

When he came into Portman Road the other day, he was babbling around like an old man. The injury is a mystery — no one seems to know what the problem is.

The club owner, John Warr, is the wrong man. Bobby Ferguson decided to let Alan Brazil go to Tottenham because it looked as if Gates was recovering from his foot injury.

But as the deal was going through, Eric was down with this back injury. Obviously, everyone makes him a speedy recovery.

Can they do it now?

Paul Mariner

THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

Flashback to November 1981 and 'Match' columnist Paul Mariner (centre) is hugged by delighted team-mates Phil Neal (left) and Terry McDermott after scoring the goal that took England to Spain. Now the Ipswich skipper looks forward to England's next encounter with Hungary.



MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Sunday, April 10

Division Four

NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Buchanan 65, 74, Jeffrey 77)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Stanforth 89)
Att 2,208

Northampton: Gleasure 8, Tucker 7, Phillips 6, Burrows 8, Gage 5, Muir 5 (sub Heeley 7), Cofhill 8, Jeffrey 7, ★**BUCHANAN** 9, Syrett 6, Massey 7
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 6, Spooner 6, Evans 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 5, Gallagher 6 (sub Goodman), Allatt 6, Nuttall 5, Ward 7, ★**STANFORTH** 8
Referee: M L James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, April 12

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att 14,821
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, ★**ROBERTS** 8, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Hendrie 7, Francis 7, Hateley 7, Whitton 6, Hunt 7
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Daigh 6, Lee 7, Rush 7, Johnston 6, ★**SOUNESS** 8
Referee: T Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (3) 3 (Hill 4, 42, Horton, pen 18)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Hopkins 66)
Att 12,868
Luton: Godden 8, Stephens 7, Money 7, Horton 7, Elliott 7, Donaghy 8, ★**HILL** 9, Aylott 8, Walsh 8, Antic 6, Moss 6 (sub Stein)
Birmingham: Cotton 7, Van den Hauwe 7, Hagen 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 5, Broadhurst 6, sub Phillips 7, Gayle 6, Ferguson 7, Harford 7, Halsall 6, ★**HOPKINS** 8
Referee: A W Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

OLDHAM (2) 3 (Wylde 31, McDonough 44, 54)
BURNLEY (0) 0
Att 5,126
Oldham: Goram 8, McMahon 7, Ryan 7, Bowden 7, ★**CLEMENTS** 9, Anderson 7, Wylde 8, Atkinson 8, McDonough 8, Henry 8, Palmer 8
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 8, Donachie 6, Phean 7, Dobson 7, Flynn 7, Scott 7 (sub Tay 6), Steven 7, ★**HAMILTON** 8, Donovan 7, Overson 7
Referee: A Chellinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

DONCASTER (0) 0
ORIENT (1) 3 (Kitchen 2, 61, Cornwall 67)
Att 2,355
Doncaster: Peacock 5, ★**ALLANSON** 7, Johnson 6, Mann 5 (sub Austin 5), Humphries 6, Lester 6, Walker 6, Me 15, Douglas 6, Snodin 6, Robertson 6
Orient: Day 7, Roffey 7, Peach 7, Foster 7, Gray 8, Godfrey 7, Price 7, Cornwall 8, Houchen 8, ★**KITCHEN** 9, McNeil 7
Referee: T Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Houston 67)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
Att 6,296
Preston: Hodge 7, Farrelly 7, ★**HINNIGAN** 8, O'Riordan 7, Booth 7, Lodge 7, Sayer 6, Cowling 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 6, Bell 6
Sheff Utd: ★**WAUGH** 8, Smith 6, Henderson 7, Richardson 6, West 7, Houston 6, Townner 6, Trussell 6, Braz 15 (sub Edwards 5), Morris 6, Charles 5
Referee: G Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (0) 1 (White, pen 53)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Curle 1)
Att 4,873
Millwall: Wel 8, Love 16, Stride 6, White 6, Madden 6, Cusack 6, ★**BREMNER** 7, Neal 6, Stewart 6, Otulakowski 6, Martin 5

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- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, ★**SHERWOOD** 8, Williams 8, B. Puls 6, Slater 6, McCaffery 6, Curle 7, Holloway 6, Plamauer 5, Withey 6, Barrett 5
Referee: K W Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Curle (Bristol Rovers)

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Adcock 1)
PORT VALE (1) 2 (Newton 17, Fox 75)
Att 3,275
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Longhorn 5 (sub Groves), Packer 6, Wignall 6, Coleman 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 6, Bowen 6, Adcock 6, ★**HULL** 7
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarr 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 7, Ridley 6, Cegielski 7, ★**FOX** 8, Steel 6, Newton 7, Lawrence, M 7, Armstrong 5
Referee: D Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Stewart 29)
Att 1,333

Darlington: ★**BARBER** 9, Kamara 6, Young 6 (sub Liddell 6), Smith 7, Barton 7, Cartwright 6, Honour 5, McLean 6, Todd 6, Welsh 6, McFadden 5
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Bardsley 7, Pritchett 6, Deary 6, ★**HETZKE** 8, Greenall 7, Hockaday 6, McNiven 7, Stewart 7, Noble 7, Pashley 6
Referee: J D Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, April 13

Division Two

DERBY (1) 1 (Gemmell 39)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (McAllister 32)
Att 15,605
Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6 (sub McAllie), ★**GEMMILL** 9, Powell 7, Fletcher 6, Brophy 5, Davison 6, Wilson 5, Burns 7, Emson 5
Charlton: Johns 6, Gull 6, Dickenson 5, ★**McALLISTER** 7, Macdonald 6, Berry 5, Bullivant 6, Harris 6, Aizlewood 6, White 6, Robinson 5
Referee: D Lloyd (Farnham Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

ALBION (0) 2 (Burgess 49, Kasule 75)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Att 450

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Hendrie 6)
STRANRAER (0) 0
Att 680

Friday, April 15

Division Four

COLCHESTER (2) 5 (Adcock 9, 54, Allinson 10, pen 83, Keeley, og 84)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack 17)
Att 3,155
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 7, Packer 6, Leslie 7, Wignall 7, Coleman 6, Allinson 7, Osborne 6, Bowen 6, ★**ADCOCK** 9, Hull 7
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6, Pointon 6, Boxall 6, Barnes 6, Hunter 7, Graham 6, Cammack 7, Cowling 7, ★**LESTER** 8, Leman 8
Referee: I Borrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 3 (Walker 46, 70, Chapman 75)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att 2,042
Crewe: Smith 7, Brady 7, Bowers 7, Edwards 6, Scott 7, Hart 6, Haslegrave 5, Bancroft 5 (sub Chapman), ★**WALLER** 9, Walker 7, Chiss 7
Hartlepool: Blackburn 7, Smithies 5, Lingham, D 5 (sub Lowe 6), Smith 5, Bird 6, ★**LINGHAM**, A 8, Brown 6, Stewart 6, Langridge 5, Dobson 7, Barker 6
Referee: R Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Allatt 33, 67)
YORK (0) 2 (Pollard, pen 87, Sbraga 89)
Att 2,117
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 6, Woods 6, ★**EVANS** 8, Goodman 6, Hendrie 7, Gallagher 6, Nuttall 6 (sub Kendall), Allatt 7, Ward 7, Stanforth 7
York: Jones 6, Evans 6, Hay 6, Sbraga 7, MacPhail 7, Hood 6, Busby 6, Senior 6 (sub King 7), Walwyn 6, Byrne 6, ★**POLLARD** 8
Referee: F Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, April 16

FA Cup, Semi-Final

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Case 14, Robson 79)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Mirocevic 57)
Att 54,627
Brighton: Moseley 8, Stevens 7, Pearce 8, Grealish 8, Foster 8, Gilling 7, Case 8, Howlett 8, Robinson 7, Smith 7, ★**SMILLIE** 9
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Stierland 7, Heard 8, Smith 7, Lyons 8, Shelton 8, ★**MEGSON** 9, Mills 8, Bannister 8, McCulloch 8, Mirocevic 7
Referee: G Courtney (Co Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 (Robson 48, Whiteside 70)
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Woodcock 35)
Att 48,535
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 7, ★**MOSES** 8, Moran 7 (sub McGrath), McQueen 7, Robson 7, Grimes 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, Wilks 6
Arsenal: Wood 5, Robson 6 (sub Chapman 6), Sansom 8, Whyte 7, O'Leary 8, ★**HOLLINS** 8, Talbot 7, Davis 5, Petrovic 5, Woodcock 7, Rix 7
Referee: K Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Phillips 88)
Att 10,420
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, ★**JACOBS** 8, Dyson 6, Gillespie 7, Hendrie 6, Francis 5, Hateley 5, Whitton 5, Hunt 6
Birmingham: Cotton 7, Van den Hauwe 7, Dennis 7, Hagen 7, ★**BLAKE** 8, Phillips 7, Gayle 6, Ferguson 6 (sub Handysides 7), Harford 6, Halsall 5, Hopkins 6
Referee: J Martin (Aston)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (McDonald 14, Tuszart, pen 21)
WEST HAM (0) 0
Att 23,105
Man City: Williams 7, Ranson 7, ★**MCDONALD** 8, Reid 8, Bond 7, Caton 6, Tuszart 6, Reeves 6, Kinsey 7, Harford 7, Power 6
West Ham: Parkes 5, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Orr 5, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 5 (sub Coltee), Allen 6, ★**DICKENS** 8, Pike 6
Referee: A Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 2 (Deehan 48, 63)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Att 15,883
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Watson 7, Walford 7, Downs 7, Mendham 6, Barham 7, Channon 7, ★**DEEHAN** 8, Bartsch 6, Bennett 8
Sunderland: Turner 7 (sub Buckley 6), Whitfield 6, ★**MUNRO** 8, Atkins 6, Chisholm 6, Pickering 7, Venison 7, Rowel 6, West 6, James 7, McCoist 6
Referee: B Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Chiedozie 51)
LUTON (0) 1 (Donaghy 90)
Att 8,932
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 6, Hunt 6, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 7, Chiedozie 7, Christie 7, ★**MCCULLOCH** 8, Lahtinen 6 (sub Harkouk 6), Worthington 7
Luton: Godden 6, Stephens 6, Money 6, Horton 6, Elliott 7, Donaghy 6, Hill 6, Aylott 8, ★**WALSH** 9, Antic 6, Moss 6
Referee: P N Williams (Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

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SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Moran pen 2, Holmes 22 41)
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Daglish 13, Johnston 16)
 Att 23,578
 Southampton: Shilton 7 Agbo 7 Mills 7
 Williams 7, Nicholl 7 Wright 7 ***HOLMES**
 8, Foyle 7 Moran 7, Armstrong 7, Wallace 7
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 7 Kennedy 7,
 Lawrenson 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Daglish
 7, Lee 7, Fairclough 6 (sub Hodgson 6).
 ***JOHNSTON** 8, Souness 7
 Referee: B T Stevens (Stonehouse)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Charles 38)
STOKE (0) 1 (Thomas 58)
 Att 10,100
 Swansea: Sender 7, Marustik 7, Richards 6,
 Charles 6, Lewis 7, Rajkovic 6, Overidge 6
 ***JAMES** 8, Walsh 6 (sub Stevenson),
 Robson 6, Latchford 6
 Stoke: ***FOX** 6, Boulde 6, Hampton 7,
 Bracewell 18, Watson 6, Berry 7, Painter 7,
 McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 8, Thomas 7,
 Chamberlain 6
 Referee: S G Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Brazil 10, 28, Mabbutt 89)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner 78)
 Att 30,587
 Spurs: Cernice 6, Hughton 6, O'Reilly 5
 (sub Hoddle 6), Roberts 7, Miller 6, Perryman
 7, Mabbutt 7, Archibald 7, Gibson 7,
 ***BRAZIL** 8, Falco 6
 Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, Barnes 5 (sub
 Turner 7), Putney 6, Steggle 6, ***BUTCHER**
 8, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 7, D'Avray 7,
 Kinsel 6
 Referee: T D Spencer (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett pen 19)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 3 (Bowyer 47,
 Hodge 58, Davenport 89)
 Att 17,537
 Watford: Sherwood 5, Rice 6, Roston 7,
 Taylor 8, Terry 5, Jackett 6, Callaghan 7,
 Blissett 7, ***BARNES** 8, Jobson 6, Lohman 7
 (sub Armstrong 6)

MATCH WINNERS

THE five lucky winners of the anagram competition which appeared in 'Programme Parade' (March 26) each win a complete set of First Division programmes

They are: G Walters, Hazel Grove, Cheshire; C Alcock, Meir Heath Staffs, John Harrison, Studley Estate, London; Andrew Clague, Hawarden, Clwyd; and Stephen Howard, Cannock, Staffs

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They are: Gavin Banner, Newton, Cheshire; D Levett, Buxhall, Suffolk; David Welker, Rotherham, Yorks; Mark Horler, Easthorpe, Notts; John Broy, Bear Cross, Bournemouth; Ian Currie, St Day, Cornwall; Sara Packham, Oyrington, Kent; Roger Maplethorpe, Walton, Peterborough; Mark MacDonald, Fife, Dunfermline; and C S Walker, Edmonton, London

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Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 7, Anderson 7, Swain 6, Gunn 6, Young 6, Bowyer 6, Walsh 6, Wallace 7, Davenport 7, Hodge 7
 ***ROBERTSON** 8
 Referee: D Lettis (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Garner 26, 28, Lowey 78)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att 4,635
 Blackburn: Gennoe 5, Mail 5, Rathbone 6, Randall 5, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 5, Brotherton 8, Branagan 5, Bell 5
 ***GARNER** 7, Lowey 6
 Crystal Palace: Fry 5, Locke 4, Henshelwood 4, Nebbeling 4 (sub Wilkins 4), ***CANNON** 6, Gilbert 5, Brown 4, Houghton 4, Mabbutt 4, Giles 4, Hlaire 4
 Referee: P A Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att 3,615
 Cambridge: Webster 7, Fisher 6, Murray 6, Turner 7, ***FALLON** 8, Finney 7, Christie 6, Sinton 6, Goldsmith 6, Reilly 6, Pye 6
 Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6, Johnson 6, Griffin 6 (sub Turner 6), Pearson 6, Stevens 6, McNally 6, ***MacLAREN** 8, Brown 6, Robinson 6, Bates 6
 Referee: M J Bodenham (Brighton)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Shoulder 85)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Phelan 70)
 Att 5,081
 Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Haigh 6, McCartney 6, Coughlin 6, ***RUSHBURY** 8, Houghton 6, Robson, K 7, Robson, B 7, Poskett 5 (sub Craig), Bannion 5, Shoulder 7
 Burnley: Stevenson 5, Laws 6, Donachie 6, ***PHELAN** 8, Dobson 6, Flynn 6, Cassidy 6, Steven 7, Hamilton 8, Donovan 7, Wharton 5
 Referee: J D Hough (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Wharton (Burnley)

CHELSEA (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Keegan, pen 18, Varadi 78)
 Att 13,446
 Chelsea: Iles 7, Jones, J 7, Hutchings 4, Lee 5, Droy 6, Pates 7, Filley 6, Bumstead 5, Mayes 4, Rhoades, Brown 6, ***CANOVILLE** 8 (sub Jones K)
 Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 6, Wharton 6, McCreery 7, Clarke 6, Carney 7, ***KEEGAN** 8, McDonald 7, Varadi 7, McDermott 7, Waddle 6
 Referee: E A Read (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (1) 1 (Burns 21)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Cunningham 86)
 Att 14,861
 Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 5, ***BURNS** 8, Gemmell 7, Powell 7, Fletcher 7, Brilly 7, Davison 7, Wilson 6, Hooks 6, Emson 6
 Barnley: ***PIERCE** 9, Joyce 6, Longden 6, Gavin 7 (sub Birch), Banks 6, McCarthy 5, Law 6, Parker 6, Ranson 6, Cunningham 7, Borrowclough 6
 Referee: A Cooper (Pontypriid)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Sugrue 43, Hamilton 51, Otto 85)
 Att 5,985
 Grimsby: ***BATCH** 7, Moore 6, Crombie 5, Waters 5, Saxby 6 (sub Wilkinson 5), Moore, K 5, Ford 5, Bonnyman 5, Drinkell 5, O'Dell 6, Cumming 5
 Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 6, Natrass 6, Hamilton 7, Baxter 7, Mowbray 7, Otto 7, ***SUGRUE** 8, Kennedy 7, Wood 7, Shearer 6, Bell 7
 Referee: N Midgley (Selford)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (1) 1 (Wright 39)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Houghton 89)
 Att 24,328
 Leeds: Harvey 6, ***THOMAS** 8, Gray, F 6, Sheridan 7, Hart 6, Dickinson 7, Hird 6, Gray E 7, Wright 7 (sub Aspin), Donnelly 6, Graham 7
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7 (sub Parker), Lock 6, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gale 6, ***DAVIES** 8, Wilson 8, Coney 6, Houghton 7, Lewington 7
 Referee: A Robinson (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

LEICESTER (1) 3 (Wilson 32, Lineker 80, 83)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (McBride 79)
 Att 12,978
 Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 7, Smith, B 7, MacDonald 7, English 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, ***LINEKER** 8, Smith, A 7, Daly 6, Wilson 7
 Rotherham: Mims 6, McEwan 7, Fray 6, Green 6, ***STANCLIFFE** 8, Johnson 7, Arnott 7 (sub Henson 6), Alexander 7, Seaman 6, Mitchell 6, McBride 7
 Referee: A Grey (Great Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

WOLVES (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att 12,723
 Wolves: Burridge 6, Humphrey 6, ***PALMER** 7, Smith 6, Pender 6, Dodd 5, Hibbit 5, Clarke 5 (sub Butler 6), Gray 5, Richards 5, Matthews 6
 Bolton: McDonald 5, ***WHITWORTH** 6, Deak 5, Gray 4, McElhinney 4, Doyle 5, Borrow 5, Rudge 4, Moores 5, Joyce 4, Hoggan 5
 Referee: N Ashley (Nantwich)
 Match Rating: ★

Division Three

BRADFORD (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Att 3,953
 Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Watson 7, Cavenor 6, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, ***McCALL** 8, Gray 6, Campbell 7, Black 6 (sub Mellor), Chapman 6
 Millwall: Wells 7, Lovell 6, Stride 6, White 7, ***MADDEN** 8, Cusack 6, Bremner 6, Neal 7, Robinson 6, Otulakowski 7, Mart 6 (sub Massey)
 Referee: M Scott (Nottingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Bowen pen 45, Cassells 90)
WALSALL (2) 3 (Rees 7, 64, Sinnott 39)
 Att 4,868
 Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 7, Wilkins 6, Walker 6, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Harris 6, Kamara 7, Booker 7, ***CASSELLS** 8, Bowles 6, Roberts 6
 Walsall: Kearns, M 7, Caswell 18, Mower 6, Shakespeare 7, Sinnott 6, Beach 8, Rees 7, ***PREECE** 8, Summerfield 6, Buckley 6 (sub Kearns, O), O'Kelly 7
 Referee: L Burden (Poole)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Rees (Walsall)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 3 (Barrett 68, Randall 78, Stephen 88)
PRESTON (1) 2 (Elliott 23, Minnigan 89)
 Att 5,189
 Bristol Rovers: Krie 6, Slatter 6, Williams, B 7, Holloway 7, Sherwood 6, McCaffery 7, Curle 6 (sub Stephens 7), Pule 6, Witney 6, ***RANDALL** 8, Barrett 7
 Preston: Hodge 7, Minnigan 8, ***MCATEER** 8, O'Riordan 7, Booth 7, Lodge 7, Sayer 6, Gowing 7, Elliott 7, Houston 6, Bell 6
 Referee: D Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Owen 54)
EXETER (2) 3 (Sparrow 27, Pratt 35, Neale 74)
 Att 1,788
 Chesterfield: Turner 7, Kendall 7, Polard 6 (sub Athersaych), Kowalski 7, ***GREEN** 8, Bellamy 6, Plummer 6, Owen 7, Gooding 6, Ross 5, Windridge 6
 Exeter: Bond 7, Kirkup 6, Sparrow 7, Phillips 6, Gibson 5, McEwan 6, Neville 7, Rogers 6, Pratt 7, ***DELVE** 8, Crown 6
 Referee: A Banks (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

DONCASTER (0) 0
OXFORD (0) 1 (Hebbard 79)
 Att 1,592
 Doncaster: Peacock 4, Allanson 6, Johnson 5, Russell 6, ***HUMPHRIES** 7, Lister 6, Walker 5 (sub Austin 4), Cawthorne 5, Douglas 6, Snodin, G 5, Liddell 5
 Oxford: Harwick 7, Fogg 6, Grant 6, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 5, Whatmore 5 (sub Smithers), Vinter 6, ***HEBBARD** 8, Brock 5
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★
 Sending Off: Grant (Oxford)

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Turner 46, Moss 68)
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att 3,505
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Simonite 6, Nea 6, 7, Burke 6, Peake 7, Brazier 6, ***TURNER** 8, Moss 7, Hobson 7, Bell 6, Shipley 7 (sub Thompson)

Wrexham: ***NIEDZWIECKI** 8, King 7, Bate 6, Savage 7, Keay 6 (sub Jones 6), Downham 6, Arkwright 7, Buxton 7, Hunt 6, Muir 7, Edwards 6
 Referee: E J. Scales (Ware)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★
 Sendings Off: Brazier (Lincoln), Buxton (Wrexham)

NEWPORT (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 3 (Reafferty 54, 61, Biley 73)
 Att 10,419
 Newport: Kenda 18, Jones 6, Relish 6 (sub Reid 5), Boyle 7, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, ***LOWNDES** 8, Aldridge 6, Tynan 6, Bailey 7, Elsey 7
 Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 7, Sull van 7, Doyle 6, Tait 6, Aizlewood 7, Webb 6, Dillon 6, Reafferty 7, ***BILEY** 8, Rogers 7
 Referee: A Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

ORIENT (0) 1 (McNa 152)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Wilson 38, Stanton 59, Lillis 61)
 Att 3,498
 Orient: Day 6, Roffey 6, Peach 6, ***FOSTER** 7, Gray 6, Price 6 (sub Silkman 6), Godfrey 6, Corwell 5, Houchen 6, Kitchen 6, McNeil 5, Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 6, Burke 6, Stanton 7, Pugh 7, Harvey 7, Lillis 7, Doyle 6, Russell 7, Wilson 7, ***STONEHOUSE** 8
 Referee: L C. Shapter (Torquay)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 3 (Phillips 48, Nisbet 67, Stanforth 89)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Morris 28)
 Att 3,685
 Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, ***HARRISON** 8, Smith 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 5, Phillips 6, Sims 6, Stanforth 5, Rogers 6, Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Smith 5, Henderson 6, Richardson 5, West 6, ***HOUSTON** 8, Towner 5, Trussan 7, Brazil 5, Morris 6, Charles 5
 Referee: A Robinson (Portsmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
 Att 2,566
 Reading: Judge 6, Williams 6, ***RICHARDSON** 7, Beavan 6, Hicks 6, White 6, Earles 5, Price 5 (sub Doherty 5), Dixon 6, Bason 5, Sanchez 6, Gillingham: ***HILLIARD** 7, Sharp 5, Adams 6, Sifton 6, Shaw 6, Grewcock 5 (sub Horro 5), Johnson 6, Bowman 6, Weatherly 5, Mehmet 5, Casarino 5
 Referee: C Downey (Hounslow)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att 4,275
 Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 6, ***HADLEY** 8, May 7, Yates 5 (sub Pennvillier), Clark 7, Pountney 6, Phillips 7, Owens 5, Mercer 5, Neeson 5
 Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sullivan 6, Spackman 7, Brignall 7, Impey 7, Best 6, ***BECK** 8, Morgan 6, Lee 5, Nightingale 4
 Referee: K G Salmon (Barnet)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 0
 Att 4,447
 Wigan: Tunks 6, Langley 7, Walsh 7, Methven 7, Weston 6, ***BARROW** 8, Butler 6, Sheldon 7, Cribley 7, Lowe 8, O'Keefe 6
 Cardiff: Dibbe 6, Jones 6, Mullen 7, Tong 6 (sub Bennett D 6), Dwyer 6, ***BENNETT** 8, Lewis 6, Gibbons 5, Hutton 5, Hemmerman 7, McCall 7
 Referee: G Tyson (Sunderland)
 Match Rating: ★★ ★★
 Sending Off: Bennett G (Cardiff)

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (McNiven 24)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 4 (Hetke 10, Ritchie 59, Riley 65, Crawford 69)
 Att 2,209
 Blackpool: Hesford 5, Bardsley 5, Pritchett 5, ***DEARY** 8, Hetke 5, Greenhall 6, Hockaday 4, McNiven 4, Stewart 5, Nobles 5 (sub Bamber 5), Pashley 5
 Bristol City: Shaw 7, Newman 6, Williams, G 6, Nicholls 7, Philpotts-Masters 7, ***RILEY** 6, Economou 7, Ritchie 7, Cooper 7, Williams, P 7, Crawford 7
 Referee: D Shaw (Sandbach)
 Match Rating: ★★

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

BURY (1) 1 (Gore, pen 33)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att 2 761
 Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 6, Halliday 7
 Bramhall 7, ★BRECKIN 8, Gore 6, Cantello 6
 Jakub 7, Potts 6, Johnson 7, Madden 7
 Peterborough: ★SEAMAN 8, Winters 6
 Rodaway 7, Siack 6, Collins 5, Linton 6, Chard 6
 Gynn 7, Ippolito 5, Benjamin 6, Clarke 6
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 2 (Allen 42, Mann 82)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Tucker 64)
 Att 1 121
 Chester: Harrington 7, Dean 6, Lane 6
 Storton 6, Zelem 5, Bradley 5, Sloan 6
 ★ALLEN 8, Thomas 6, Manns 7, Blackwell 5
 Northampton: Gleasure 6, ★TUCKER 8,
 Phillips 6, Burrows 6, Gage 7, Healey 7, Coffi 1
 5 (sub Denyer 6), Jeffrey 5, Buchanan 6
 Syrett 6, Massey 7
 Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
TORQUAY (0) 2 (Gallagher 65, Doyle 87)
 Att 1 122
 Darlington: Barber 7, Kamara 6, Liddle 5
 Smith 6, ★BARTON 8, Cartwright 7, Honour 5
 McLean 6, Todd 6 (sub Wicks), Walsh 5
 McFadden 6
 Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 7, ★HOLMES 8,
 James 6, Little 6, Jones 5, Smith 8, Gallagher 7
 Cooper 7, Anderson 6, Bishop 5
 Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Phillips 59)
WIMBLEDON (2) 4 (Cork 8, Ketteridge 13, Hodges 77, 82)
 Att 2 637
 Hereford: Wilmot 6, Price 7, Bartley 6, Hicks 5
 Larkin 5, ★MADDY 8, Spinning 6, Lane 5
 Phillips 6, Carter 7, Showers 6
 Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 6, Thomas 6
 Galliers 7, Morris 7, Hatter 7, Evans 7
 Ketteridge 7, Cork 7 (sub Leslie 6)
 ★HODGES 8, Downes 7
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Bell 63)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Kerr 6)
 Att 2 468
 Mansfield: Coles 5, Woodhead 6, Kearney 7
 ★MATTHEWS 8, Ayre 6, Calderwood 6, Bell 6
 Hutchinson 6, Dungworth 5, Sindall 5,
 Nicholson 6
 Tranmere: Enderby 6, Hamilton 6, Burgess 6
 ★MATHIAS 8, Mungall 5, Palios 6
 Ferguson 5, Kerr 6, Wellings 5 (sub Leonard 5)
 Brown 6, Griffiths 5
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Cegreli 80, Newton, pen 82)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Senior 27)
 Att 5 624
 Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarr 7, Bromage 7
 ★HUNTER 8, Ridley 6, Cegielski 7, Fox 7
 Steel 6, Newton 7, Lawrence 6 (sub Sproson 6)
 Aldershot: ★JOHNSON 8, Scott 7, Fielder 7
 Briley 7, Whitlock 7, Jopling 7, Lucas 6
 Banton 7, Senior 7, McDonald 7, Brodie 6
 (sub Robinson 6)
 Referee: K. Barrett (Coventry)
 Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (French, pen 26)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
 Att 1 834
 Rochdale: Crawford 7, Keenan 7, Carr 6
 Farrell 5, Hogg 5, Williams 6, Thompson 6
 ★GREENHOFF 8, French 7
 Greenhoff, J. 7, Hilditch 7
 Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Thorpe 6
 ★SMITH 8, Sword 7, Bowles 7, Williams 6,
 Phillips 6, Quinn 7, Power 7, Coyle 7
 Referee: K. Radford (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (0) 0
HULL (0) 1 (Marwood 53)
 Att 3 772
 Swindon: Allan 7, Baile 7, Baddeley 7, Batty 7
 Lewis 6, Graham 7, ★PRITCHARD 8
 Barnard 5, Rieout 7, Rowland 6, Blackler 6
 Hull: Norman 7, Hughes 5, Thompson 6
 Roberts 7, Skipper 8, Swann 7
 ★MARWOOD 8, McClaren 6, Woolf 8 (sub
 Flounders), Whitehurst 7, Roberts 6
 Referee: M. Dumblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Semi-Final

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Weir 65)
CELTIC (0) 0
 Att 51 152
 Match Rating: ★★
 (At Hampden Park)

RANGERS (0) 1 (Clark 72)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Paterson og 84)
 Att 31 102
 Match Rating: ★
 (At Celtic Park)

Premier Division

MORTON (0) 0
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Thomson 49)
 Att 2 000
 Morton: ★BAINES 8, Hayes 5, Holmes 5
 Rooney 5, McLaughlin 7, Hutchison 7, Payne 7
 McNab 6, Cochran 5, McNeil 4, Houston 6
 Hibs: Rough 7, Sneddon 4, Duncan 4, Brazil 6
 Rae 7, Campbell 7, Calaghan 4, Rice 7
 ★IRVINE 8, Thomson 7, Harvey 6
 Referee: H. Young (Larkhall)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (2) 4 (Miller B 11, 24, Anderson 52, Walker 80)
RAITH (1) 2 (Harris 22, More 73)
 Att 1 100

ALLOA (0) 3 (Grant 78, 85, Munro 83)
AYR (0) 0
 Att 515

CLYDE (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Brogan 60)
 Att 777

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Montgomerie 22)
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Hamill 78)
 Att 400

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Stewart 11)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
 Att 1 250

HEARTS (1) 2 (Robertson 9, 57)
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (McCabe 8, 84)
 Att 6 432

PARTICK (1) 4 (Johnston, pen 24, pen 86, 88, Watson 55)
FALKIRK (0) 2 (Kemp 79, Brown 82)
 Att 1 534

Second Division

ALBION (1) 1 (Gray, pen 27)
MEADOWBANK (2) 3 (Boyd 7, Sprott 32, pen 81)
 Att 250

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Lees 25)
BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell 20)
 Att 1 324

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Alexander 60)
 Att 250

FORFAR (1) 2 (Cormack 3, Turnbull 65)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
 Att 788

MONTROSE (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (McRoberts 80)
 Att 150

STIRLING (1) 2 (Torrance 19, Cavanagh 75)
EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Kirk 43, 79)
 Att 660

STRANRAER (0) 0
BRECHIN (1) 3 (Grady 25, 57, 90)
 Att 200



Alan Brazil... scored two goals against his old club Ipswich as Spurs won 3-1.

LEAGUE TABLES

Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Liverpool | 37 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 54 | 13 | 8 |
| Walsford | 37 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 18 | 6 |
| Man. Utd. | 34 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 32 | 9 | 5 |
| A. Villa | 35 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 14 | 4 |
| Milton. For. | 37 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 6 |
| Stoke | 37 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 17 | 3 |
| South. glen | 37 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 35 | 17 | 4 |
| Reading | 36 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 42 | 14 | 3 |
| West Ham | 36 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 36 | 20 | 5 |
| Everton | 36 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 37 | 18 | 4 |
| Ipswich | 37 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 31 | 19 | 4 |
| Arsenal | 35 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 4 |
| West Brom | 35 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 33 | 19 | 3 |
| Notts. Co. | 38 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 23 | 3 |
| Coventry | 37 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 27 | 12 | 2 |
| Sunderland | 36 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 16 | 4 |
| Man. City | 38 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 20 | 3 |
| Norwich | 36 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 15 | 3 |
| Leuton | 35 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 4 |
| Swansea | 37 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 24 | 0 |
| Birmingham | 37 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 25 | 23 | 1 |
| Brighton | 36 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 24 | 21 | 1 |

Division Two

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| QPR | 35 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 45 | 14 | 9 |
| Sheff. Wed. | 37 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 39 | 14 | 8 |
| Fulham | 36 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 19 | 7 |
| Leicester | 37 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 36 | 15 | 7 |
| Leeds | 36 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 23 | 18 | 4 |
| Oldham | 37 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 36 | 21 | 4 |
| Barnsley | 36 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 33 | 18 | 4 |
| Sheff. Utd. | 36 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 35 | 21 | 5 |
| Shrewsbury | 37 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 8 |
| Blackburn | 37 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 34 | 20 | 4 |
| Grimsby | 37 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 3 |
| Carlisle | 37 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 25 | 3 |
| Derby | 37 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 24 | 24 | 3 |
| Middlesboro | 37 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 25 | 28 | 3 |
| Chelsea | 37 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 20 | 2 |
| Charlton | 38 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 29 | 25 | 2 |
| Crystal P. | 38 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 10 | 1 |
| Bolton | 37 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 25 | 1 |
| Rotherham | 37 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 18 | 27 | 4 |
| Burnley | 35 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 22 | 22 | 1 |

Division Three

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| Huddersfield | 41 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 51 | 16 | 8 |
| Cardiff | 40 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 17 | 9 |
| Newport | 41 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 35 | 19 | 10 |
| Cardiff | 41 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 12 | 7 |
| Bristol. Rev. | 41 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 53 | 20 | 8 |
| Lincoln | 41 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 51 | 20 | 5 |
| Oxford | 40 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 36 | 21 | 8 |
| Plymouth | 40 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 38 | 19 | 3 |
| Southend | 41 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 39 | 25 | 5 |
| Walsall | 40 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 33 | 17 | 2 |
| Bournemouth | 41 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 30 | 18 | 4 |
| Gillingham | 41 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 28 | 4 |
| Wrexham | 41 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 38 | 22 | 1 |
| Wigan | 40 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 30 | 4 |
| Exeter | 41 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 41 | 33 | 2 |
| Orient | 41 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 35 | 36 | 5 |
| Reading | 41 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 33 | 25 | 1 |
| Preston | 41 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 16 | 3 |
| M. Thel. | 40 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 34 | 24 | 1 |
| Doncaster | 41 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 37 | 39 | 3 |
| Chesterfield | 41 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 28 | 26 | 2 |

Division Four

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Hull | 41 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 45 | 12 | 8 |
| Port Vale | 40 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 34 | 12 | 10 |
| Wimboron | 39 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 44 | 21 | 10 |
| Bury | 42 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 41 | 17 | 8 |
| Colchester | 41 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 47 | 18 | 6 |
| Southampton | 39 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 12 | 8 |
| York | 40 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 52 | 18 | 3 |
| Mansfield | 41 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 26 | 23 | 5 |
| Peterborough | 39 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 35 | 18 | 4 |
| Torquay | 39 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 25 | 3 |
| Chester | 41 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 27 | 22 | 5 |
| Harlow | 40 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 21 | 4 |
| Bristol City | 41 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 26 | 27 | 3 |
| Blackpool | 40 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 27 | 20 | 3 |
| Tranmere | 41 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 28 | 26 | 4 |
| North. glen | 41 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 40 | 27 | 2 |
| Darlington | 40 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 24 | 5 |
| Rochdale | 39 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 33 | 19 | 0 |
| A. dersh. | 41 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 29 | 1 |
| Crew | 41 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 29 | 29 | 4 |
| Hartlepool | 41 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 18 | 1 |
| Blackpool | 41 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 22 | 3 |

Blackpool two points deducted

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Celtic | 31 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 15 | 11 |
| Dundee Utd. | 31 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 49 | 18 | 8 |
| Aberdeen | 30 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 35 | 12 | 9 |
| Rangers | 31 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 3 |
| St. Mirren | 31 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 17 | 2 |
| Hibernian | 31 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 4 |
| Dundee | 31 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 26 | 23 | 1 |
| Motherwell | 31 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 26 | 24 | 2 |
| Partick | 32 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 4 |
| Kilmarnock | 31 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 23 | 0 |

First Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| St. Johnstone | 35 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 10 | 8 |
| Hearts | 35 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 41 | 17 | 8 |
| Clydebank | 35 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 31 | 22 | 8 |
| Airdrie | 35 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 28 | 24 | 11 |
| Alloa | 35 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 25 | 4 |
| Partick | 35 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 5 |
| Dumbarton | 35 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 17 | 6 |
| Falkirk | 35 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 17 | 19 | 6 |
| Clyde | 35 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 26 | 33 | 6 |
| Hamilton | 35 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 22 | 31 | 4 |
| Ayr | 35 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 22 | 24 | 3 |
| Dunfermline | 35 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 26 | 2 |
| Queens Park | 35 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 23 | 35 | 3 |

Second Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Brechin | 35 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 44 | 18 | 7 |
| Meadowbank | 35 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 16 | 8 |
| Arbroath | 35 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 37 | 19 | 5 |
| East Fife | 35 | 8 | 2 | 30 | 15 | 8 | 3 |
| Stirling Alb. | 35 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 18 | 7 |
| Q. O. South | 35 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 16 | 4 |
| Cowdenbeath | 35 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 25 | 28 | 9 |
| Berwick | 35 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 26 | 7 |
| Albion | 35 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 27 | 20 | 3 |
| Stenhousemuir | 35 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 29 | 3 |
| Stranraer | 35 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 21 | 31 | 4 |
| Montrose | 35 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 16 | 30 | 4 |
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PROGRAMME PARADE

REIGN OF THE REDS

ROY RECORDS GOLDEN AGE OF UNITED

ROY Cavanagh is more than just a Manchester United programme fanatic.

He also writes a regular programme feature in the United Review, and has now had a book published on United programmes.

Called 'The Reds Reviewed 1946-58', it chronicles, through United Reviews, twelve of United's great years.

Those seasons from the last War to the tragic Munich Air Disaster in 1958 included three Wembley FA Cup Finals and three Championships.

Roy had the book published to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the United Review.

"The first Review was produced for the Division Two game with Stoke City on August 27, 1932, setting a standard among programmes," explains Roy.

"This book is a tribute to the early contributors, showing the history of Manchester United, through the most sought after programme to fans and collectors alike, from 1946 till the end of that fateful 1958 season."

Take a look at some excerpts from the 42-page book:

● In the 1948 FA Cup Sixth Round programme against Preston, one of the writers, Alf Clarke, urged all keen young footballers to keep their eyes on the Preston wing-half that day who was a credit to the game.

His name? The one and only Bill Shankly, who went on to be one of football's legends at Liverpool.

● Life today revolves around inflationary times with big transfer dealings and heavy losses.

But look at these figures from the 1954-55 United Review against Sheffield Wednesday.

In Alf Clarke's 'Casual Comments', he reported on the United balance sheet that showed a profit of £19,000!

That brought the overall profit in post-War years to £250,000, a figure which would be most welcome in many clubs' account today.

● One of the most important programmes of that era was the European Cup home tie with Anderlecht in 1956, which was the first-ever European game in England.

It consisted of the normal 12 pages, costing 4d, with extensive coverage of the new competition and a welcome in Belgian.

The game will also be remembered for the fact that United chalked up a club record 10-0 victory.

Roy has every United home programme since the War and every FA Cup Final.

He also has quite a collection of away programmes, but as he points out: "It's impossible to get every away game because some clubs notably in Spain, like Real Madrid and Bilbao, didn't actually print programmes in the fifties."

Roy's book costs £1.50, but he is making a special offer to 'Match' readers. Just send a £1 cheque or postal order to Roy Cavanagh, 20 Hyde Road, Worsley, Manchester, for your copy.



Ask the expert

THE 1948 Blackpool v Man. United FA Cup Final programme is worth around £25.

That's in response to a valuation request from Andrew Dowsett, of Flint, North Wales. Other valuations.

● 1958 FA Cup Semi-Final (Man. United v Fulham) — £5 — for Jonathan Hindley, of Urmston, Manchester.

● 1966 World Cup Final — £7.50 and 1967 Southampton v West Brom — 25p — for Alan James, of Salisbury.

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ANDY'S OWN

SHEFFIELD Wednesday striker Andy McCulloch likes to keep a record of his games.

So what better way than to save programmes from matches he's played in during his career.

He's even got some from America to remind him of his stay over there.

Here he sorts through some of his programmes with daughter Kirsty.

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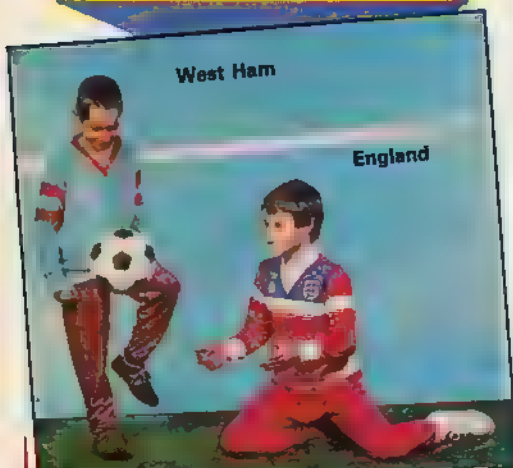
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Keith Longe, 4 College Park, Ennis, County Clare, Republic of Ireland.

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FULL NAME: Paul William Bracewell
BIRTHPLACE DATE: Heswal, July 19, 1962
HEIGHT WEIGHT: 5ft 8 1/2ins 11st
MARRIED: No
CAR: Escort XR 3i
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Joined Stoke from school
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Brace'
WORST EVER INJURY: 'I've been very lucky so far!
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — complete in all departments.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Ossie Ardiles — great to watch
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks (England), McGrain (Scotland), Wilson, Moore (England), England (Wales), Ball, Charlton R. (England), Giles (Ire), Best (N. Ireland), Greaves (England), Law (Scotland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Kaltz, Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Marinho (Brazil), Moore (England), Cruyff (Holland), Charlton (England), Maradona (Argentina), Pele (Brazil), Greaves (England), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Haarlem.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My first in the League against Wolves in May 1981.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: A Paul Maguire free-kick against Leeds in 1980.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My League debut against Wolves in March 1980.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring two goals against Wolves in a 3-2 win in the last game of the 1980-81 season.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Sailing, swimming, table tennis, pool.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving, pop music, relaxing on my days off.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, losing, shopping.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Professionals.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Football magazines.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN SINGER: Steve Wonder and George Benson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Fresh orange.
WEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood Bo Derek.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'Officer and a Gentleman'.
BEST FRIEND: Trevor Brissett (Port Vale).
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents, Bob Ellis, schoolteacher.

Tony Lacey and Phil Stokes (youth coaches at Stoke).
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Cheats.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached egg on toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Three England U-21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in football and in business.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win trophies and play for England.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Hope to have my own business.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Steven Bould at Stoke.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Queen at Wembley.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen and learn, train hard.

**SPOTLIGHT ON
 STOKE CITY'S**

**PAUL
 BRACEWELL**

Right: City team-mate Paul Maguire — scorer of the best goal Paul Bracewell has seen



STAR CHALLENGE

CELTIC goalkeeper Pat Bonner believes that his club's trip to Aberdeen on Saturday will decide the destination of the Premier Division title.

The Eire international says: "The leadership has been chopping and changing between us in the last couple of weeks, but this game will decide it. If one team wins, I'm sure they'll go on and pick up the Championship."

And Pat — this week's special guest on 'Star Challenge' adds: "We have a good record at Pittodrie. Celtic always seem to play well there."

"The reason for that is because being the home team, the onus is on Aberdeen to come out and attack us more than they would if they were playing away."

Dundee United have been close on the heels of both Aberdeen and Celtic all season and Pat believes the Tannadice Park side will have little trouble in picking up another two points at the expense of bottom of the table Kilmarnock this weekend.

He says: "Kilmarnock are having a dreadful time and look doomed to relegation. Hibs shammered eight past

them a couple of weeks ago so I can't see United struggling."

Celtic's arch city rivals Rangers entertain Morton and Pat will upset a few diehard Parkhead fans by predicting a 1-0 win for 'The Gers'.

Pat has been challenged by 15-year-old Celtic fanatic Paul McCormick of Glasgow. Both have predicted the scoreline of ten Scottish League games and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

If Paul manages to beat his hero, he'll be presented with a special 'Star Challenge' certificate. But, win, lose or draw, Paul won't go home empty-handed. He'll receive a personally autographed photograph of Pat.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

And don't forget to tell us your favourite team and player. Write to: 'Star Challenge' Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

PAT BONNER IS THIS WEEK'S GUEST

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the

actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

| | Paul's forecast | Pat's forecast | Your forecast | Result |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Dundee Utd v Kilmarnock | 4-0 | 3-0 | | |
| Hibernian v Dundee | 1-1 | 1-0 | | |
| Rangers v Morton | 2-1 | 1-0 | | |
| St Mirren v Motherwell | 4-0 | 2-0 | | |
| Alloa v Hearts | 0-3 | 0-2 | | |
| Clydebank v Airdrie | 2-2 | 1-1 | | |
| Dunfermline v Clyde | 1-1 | 2-1 | | |
| Hamilton v Ayr | 0-1 | 1-1 | | |
| Queens Park v Partick | 1-3 | 1-2 | | |
| Raith v Falkirk | 1-2 | 1-2 | | |



Pat Bonner of Celtic and (inset) his challenger, Paul McCormick.

Saturday, April 23

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Man. C.
 Birmingham v Everton
 Brighton v Coventry ..
 Ipswich v Sunderland ..
 Liverpool v Norwich.....
 Luton v Swansea
 Man. Utd v Watford ...
 Nott'm F v Notts Co
 West Brom v Spurs
 Stoke v Southampton
 West Ham v Aston Villa ..

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Blackburn ...
 Bolton v Cambridge
 Burnley v Chelsea
 C. Palace v Grimsby
 Fulham v Leicester
 Middlesbrough v Wolves
 Newcastle v Charlton
 Oldham v Sheff. Wed.
 QPR v Leeds
 Rotherham v Derby
 Shrewsbury v Carlisle ..

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Lincoln
 Cardiff v Southend
 Exeter v Brentford
 Gillingham v Plymouth
 Huddersfield v Reading
 Millwall v Doncaster
 Oxford v Wigan
 Portsmouth v Chesterfield
 Preston v Orient ..
 Sheffield Utd v Bradford
 Walsall v Newport ..

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Rochdale
 Bristol C. v Bury
 Hartlepool v Swindon
 Hull v Crewe ..
 Northampton v Hereford
 Peterborough v Darlington ..
 Scunthorpe v Blackpool
 Torquay v Mansfield
 Tranmere v Halifax
 Wimbledon v Port Vale ..
 York v Chester ...

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Celtic
 Dundee Utd v Kilmarnock ..

FIXTURES

Hibernian v Dundee
 Rangers v Morton
 St Mirren v Motherwell ..

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v Hearts
 Clydebank v Airdrie
 Dunfermline v Clyde
 Hamilton v Ayr
 Queens Park v Partick
 Raith v Falkirk
 St Johnstone v Dumbarton ..

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Arbroath
 Berwick v East Stirling
 Cowdenbeath v Stranraer
 East Fife v Brechin
 Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir
 Queen of the South v Forfar
 Stirling v Montrose ..

Tuesday, April 26

DIVISION FOUR

Rochdale v Colchester
 Swindon v Torquay ..
 Scunthorpe v Peterborough ..

Wednesday, April 27

DIVISION TWO

Leeds v Sheff. Wed.

DIVISION THREE

Oxford v Millwall ..

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Motherwell v Aberdeen ..

Friday, April 29

DIVISION TWO

Charlton v Shrewsbury ..

DIVISION THREE

Southend v Walsall ..

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Bristol C.
 Halifax v Hartlepool
 Port Vale v Peterborough ..

● Fixtures correct at the time of going to press.

■ Nigel Dowling of Nightingale Lane, London, could only draw (four points each) with Leeds' Arthur Graham in the April 2 challenge.

THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

SUMMER soccer is the one thing guaranteed to revive the dwindling support for our game.

We have got into a stereotyped, traditional way of playing football in England... and it's time for a change.

Sooner, or later, we've got to look at the game in a totally new light and come up with ideas which will bring the fans back through the turnstiles.

I feel that one solution would be to switch our football season from Winter to Summer. I realise that would mean wholesale changes throughout the soccer world, but at the end of the day I think it would be worth it.

If we continue to plod along the same road, crowds will continue to diminish.

You can't really blame the fans for staying away sometimes. After all, watching a game from the terraces on a bitterly cold, Winter's afternoon can hardly be termed entertaining.

There must be many other ways of making the game more attractive, and one I'm a firm believer in is a 'Super League'.

The thought of 18 of the country's top clubs fighting for supremacy is mouth-watering and I don't think it will be too long before we see that happen.

While I think the 'Super League' — consisting of clubs from England and Scotland — would be a good idea, I realise the lower clubs may suffer by it.

We are constantly being bombarded with reasons why support has dwindled and, at the moment, a favourite seems to be the 'excessive' coverage given to football on television.

Personally I think that's nonsense. In fact TV soccer may even attract support. If someone sees a good game on the television he could be encouraged to go out to a game the following week.

I don't think it would be a good idea to take football off the screen altogether, because there are many fans who can't get to games for one reason or another.

But perhaps the number of games televised could be reduced and greater coverage given to just one match.

Attendances may be down on last season, but I can guarantee that the fans will be flocking to White Hart Lane in the next few weeks when we play host to two of the country's top teams.

Liverpool and Manchester United attract support wherever they go and I'm sure there will be in excess of 30,000 people turn up to see us take on the First Division giants.

First, however, we travel to the Midlands for the game against West Brom, which could have a bearing on whether we make Europe or not this season.

Like ourselves, Albion, are bidding for a European place so a win is vital to both sides.

If we fail to pick up three points at 'The Hawthorns' we may well look back at the end of the season and say that's when we threw our chance away.

It's always a difficult game against West Brom and in the past

SOME LIKE IT HOT!

... so let's switch to summer soccer

we have not had the best of results. But hopefully we can change that on Saturday.

They have a new striking partnership in Garry Thompson and Cyrille Regis and, although I haven't seen them play together, I'm sure they will give us one or two problems on the day.

They are both aggressive players, but the men who will have the job of marking them, Paul Miller and Graham Roberts, will be equal to the task.

The following week we play Liverpool, who by that time, will probably have clinched the Championship.

If that is the case they may well

relax and we could catch them off guard and pick up three valuable points.

But, by the same token, they might play even better when the pressure's off. Whatever happens it's sure to be an entertaining game and one I'm looking forward to playing in.

After shaking off my injury and making my return to the side I missed the games over the Easter period.

Thankfully I can report that I haven't suffered a recurrence of my ankle injury, but manager Keith Burkinshaw felt that I wasn't 100 per cent fit and needed a few more

games in the reserves.

The lads had an indifferent spell over Easter and were disappointed not to have picked up maximum points.

On the Saturday we travelled to the South Coast to play Brighton and looked certain to collect three points when we were a goal up with just four minutes to play.

Graham Roberts had put us in the lead after 22 minutes and it seemed as if it was going to be plain sailing.

But in a disastrous last few minutes we gave away two silly goals and came away from the Goldstone Ground empty-handed. It just goes to show that a game is not over until the final whistle.

After that disappointing defeat the lads lifted themselves for the local derby against Arsenal at White Hart Lane two days later.

We beat our great, London rivals 5-0 and so buried the nightmare of those last few minutes at Brighton.

Again it was Mark Falco who did most of the damage with two goals, the first of which was an absolute cracker — our fans will have to wait a long time before they see a better one.

It was disappointing to have to miss out on the derby match, but hopefully by the time you read this I will be back in action again.

I would like to think that I will be in contention for England's European Championship game against Hungary, but I'm not banking on anything at the moment.

It is vital that England beat the Hungarians at Wembley, especially after the disappointment of the 0-0 draw against Greece.

Following the 9-0 demolition of Luxembourg everyone was expecting a good victory against the Greeks, but that wasn't the case.

Hopefully England can put things right against Hungary and take the pressure off by winning convincingly.

See you in two weeks.

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Dave Smith.



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BRAZIL'S BATTLE CRY



Brazil are pictured on their last visit to Wembley in the summer of '81. Now they plan a new tough approach...

BRAZIL are to "get tough" in their bid to reclaim their world's number one tag.

The warning comes from new national coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

Not satisfied with the delightful football that has earned Brazil millions of friends, Parreira is calling for more fight from his stars.

He declares: "My task is to put Brazil back on top of the world ranking list and we are not going to achieve that simply by playing football that is lovely to watch.

"That's where we fell down in Spain. Now it's going to be different.

"My team has got to be tough too. No way am I a fan of dirty play but our players have got to know how to stop a player when necessary.

"I learned a lot from Holland in 1974. They were doing things out there that had never been associated with Dutch football before.

"The moment one of their players lost the ball, the whole team put up a united fight to win it back."

● BRAZILIAN star Zico has announced his intention to finish his top class career with Flamengo.

The South American 'Footballer of the Year' has turned down a number of bids from top European clubs and says: "I am not only interested in money. There are other things that are important to me."

PLATINI POSER

MICHEL Platini's success with Juventus this season has prompted a massive debate about his best position.

Should he play as a creative midfielder or as a dangerous forward alongside Paolo Rossi?

The French star himself says: "It has been the same ever since I came into football — I have always been asked if I am better in attack or midfield.

"I like to do both so the dilemma has never been settled. It has come to the fore in Italy because I am scoring goals, but in Italy I believe it's easier to score from midfield than it is in attack."

quickly," he says.

"Players like Horst Hrubesch and Paul Breitner could still do a good job for West Germany... but they don't want to know any more.

"That's a real shame. Every manager has to build a new team once in a while, but it's far easier when there are a few old hands around to help."

■ CANADA, ever keen to break away from the umbrella of the North American Soccer League, are going their own way this summer.

They have started their own League and aim to make it bigger and better than that of their American neighbours.

The League will start with just six clubs, but with rules allowing each to have five foreigners there is the opportunity to import some good material from Europe.

And to show they mean business, John Tiesmessen, millionaire owner of Edmonton Eagles, has already snapped up four Dutch players, including three internationals — Piet Schrijvers, Leo Van Veen and Hugo Hovenkamp.

THE new manager of Argentina, Carlos Bilardo, has led his team Estudiantes to victory in the Metropolitan League Championship in Buenos Aires. It means a winners' medal for former Leeds and Sheffield United player Alex Sabella.

FORMER West German international Franz Beckenbauer has hit out at the players who have turned their backs on the national side.

"Everyone's international career has to end some time, but I think too many players are making the decision for themselves and doing it too

SOUTH AMERICANS STRIKE IT RICH

SOUTH American striking partners Raul Amarilla and Juan Valdano are proving a big hit in Spain with high-riding Saragossa.

The two have hit 30 goals between them this season as the club chase a UEFA Cup place.

Amarilla, a Paraguayan, has hit 16 goals and could be in line for a call-up to the Spanish national squad — never having played representative football before.

Valdano played for Argentina during the last World Cup.

■ ITALIAN World Cup hero Paolo Rossi has made a superb gesture by paying out of his own pocket for a young Yugoslav fan to undergo a delicate heart operation.

■ FORMER St Etienne manager Robert Herbin has taken over at Lyon for the rest of the season.

HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

ITALY

DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Roma | 25 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 39 | 22 | 35 |
| Juventus | 25 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 36 | 20 | 31 |
| Inter Milan | 25 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 33 | 21 | 30 |
| Verona | 25 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 32 | 26 | 30 |
| Torino | 25 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 28 | 18 | 29 |
| Udinese | 25 | 5 | 17 | 3 | 21 | 22 | 27 |
| Fiorentina | 25 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 31 | 23 | 27 |
| Sampdoria | 25 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 21 | 22 | 26 |
| Cagliari | 25 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 21 | 27 | 24 |
| Genoa | 25 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 29 | 31 | 23 |
| Avellino | 25 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 23 | 29 | 23 |
| Pisa | 25 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 25 | 26 | 22 |
| Ascoli | 25 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 27 | 30 | 22 |
| Naples | 25 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 19 | 29 | 20 |
| Cesena | 25 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 31 | 18 |
| Catanzaro | 25 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 18 | 44 | 13 |

LEADING SCORERS: Altobelli (Inter) 14, Penzo (Verona) 12; Platini (Juventus) 10; Antognoni (Fiorentina) and Pruzzo (Roma) 9.

TOP OF DIVISION TWO

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|---------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Milan | 27 | 14 | 11 | 2 | 56 | 24 | 39 |
| Lazio | 27 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 32 | 16 | 36 |
| Catania | 27 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 24 | 11 | 32 |

LEADING SCORERS: Giordano (Lazio) 13, Jordan (AC Milan) and Vincenzi (Pistoia) 10.

W. GERMANY

DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Hamburg | 26 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 59 | 25 | 38 |
| Bayern Munich | 26 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 59 | 21 | 36 |
| Stuttgart | 25 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 61 | 33 | 35 |
| Werder Bremen | 25 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 48 | 30 | 35 |
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| Brunswick | 26 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 30 | 41 | 23 |
| Dusseldorf | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 41 | 61 | 22 |
| Bielefeld | 25 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 34 | 54 | 21 |
| Bochum | 25 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 27 | 36 | 20 |
| Leverkusen | 24 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 26 | 48 | 18 |
| B. M'gladbach | 25 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 41 | 47 | 18 |
| Hertha Berlin | 25 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 33 | 43 | 18 |
| Schalke 04 | 25 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 34 | 55 | 14 |
| Karlsruhe | 25 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 30 | 66 | 14 |

LEADING SCORERS: Rummenigge (Bayern Munich) 17, Burgsmüller (Dortmund) and Voeiler (Werder Bremen) 15, Littbarski (Cologne) and Allgoewer (Stuttgart) 14.

SPAIN

DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Ath Bilbao | 30 | 19 | 6 | 5 | 61 | 31 | 44 |
| Real Madrid | 30 | 17 | 9 | 4 | 50 | 23 | 43 |
| Barcelona | 30 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 51 | 22 | 42 |
| Atl. Madrid | 30 | 16 | 6 | 8 | 45 | 34 | 39 |
| Saragossa | 30 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 52 | 33 | 38 |
| Sevilla FC | 30 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 36 | 28 | 35 |
| Real Sociedad | 30 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 26 | 24 | 32 |
| Gijon | 30 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 25 | 25 | 30 |
| Espanol | 30 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 39 | 41 | 28 |
| Malaga | 30 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 34 | 39 | 28 |
| Betis | 30 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 35 | 36 | 27 |
| Salamanca | 30 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 26 | 39 | 28 |
| Las Palmas | 30 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 29 | 37 | 25 |
| Valledolid | 30 | 7 | 10 | 13 | 27 | 44 | 24 |
| Osasuna | 30 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 31 | 47 | 22 |
| Valencia | 30 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 36 | 51 | 21 |
| Celta | 30 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 20 | 48 | 20 |
| Santander | 30 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 38 | 57 | 19 |

LEADING SCORERS: Amarilla (Saragossa) and Rincon (Betis) 16, Valdano (Saragossa) 15, Sarabia and Dani (Ath. Bilbao) 14; Hugo Sanchez (Atl. Madrid) 13.

HOLLAND

DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Ajax | 27 | 20 | 5 | 2 | 77 | 27 | 45 |
| Feyenoord | 27 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 58 | 29 | 44 |
| PSV Eindhoven | 27 | 17 | 11 | 2 | 67 | 28 | 42 |
| Groningen | 27 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 50 | 40 | 30 |
| Sparta | 27 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 50 | 41 | 29 |
| Roda | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 43 | 39 | 29 |
| Heerlem | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 31 | 36 | 29 |
| Sittard | 27 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 30 | 32 | 27 |
| AZ 67 | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 36 | 25 | 26 |
| Excelsior | 27 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 35 | 35 | 26 |
| Utrecht | 27 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 40 | 43 | 26 |
| Heimond Sp. | 27 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 36 | 53 | 23 |
| Willem II | 27 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 35 | 43 | 19 |
| PEC Zwolle | 27 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 34 | 47 | 19 |
| Go Ahead | 27 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 30 | 53 | 19 |
| Twente | 27 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 26 | 46 | 18 |
| NEC Nijmegen | 27 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 24 | 49 | 18 |
| NAC Breda | 27 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 60 | 17 |

I WAS most interested to read in a recent issue of 'Match' about Andy Peake and Pat Byrne. I knew that both players had left Leicester City but it was great to read about how they were getting on with their new clubs.

By the way, can you tell me where these players — Jimmy Bone, Graham Paddon and Mark Nightingale — are playing now? Ian Farmer, Shipley, West Yorkshire.

● **JIM Bone plays for St Mirren, Graham Paddon is now in Hong Kong and Mark Nightingale plays for Bournemouth.**

I THINK Arthur Cox is the best Newcastle manager since the days of Joe Harvey.

Arthur has not only signed top class players like Kevin Keegan, Terry McDermott and David McCreery, but he has turned Newcastle into a very entertaining side and has struck up an excellent relationship with the 'Magpies' fans.

No wonder Newcastle fans flock to the ground in their thousands. Richard Woods (13), Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear.

WE'VE had the budget, and I can't help but wonder why football doesn't have a similar exercise.

If all the clubs pooled some of their resources, with contributions from supporters' clubs and sponsors, soccer could have an annual share-out. And those clubs that are in dire financial trouble — like Tranmere Rovers — could be given a massive lift.

A soccer budget would go a long way to helping the needy clubs in the Football League.

Andrew Parker (12), Cheam, Surrey.

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I WONDER how much longer it will be before Liverpool's Alan Kennedy is called up by England?

Even when Kenny Sansom was unavailable for England's match with Wales, Kennedy wasn't even considered for the left-back position. Yet he would form a great understanding with Liverpool team-mates Phil Thompson and Phil Neal.

On top of that, Kennedy comes up with some important goals. He gave Liverpool the lead in the 1981 League Cup Final, scored the only goal of the game in the 1981 European Cup Final and notched the equaliser in this season's Milk Cup Final.

Why does England boss Bobby Robson ignore a winner like Kennedy — a man who plays for Britain's top club week in, week out?

Michael Hands, Burton, Staffs.

LET England continue to play at Wembley! This is a request from a great England fan in Holland.

I visited Wembley in October last year to see England play West Germany, and I think

Wembley is magnificent. It would be a tragedy if England's games were moved to another ground because of the recent poor attendances.

Wembley is special, for both the players and the fans. Ton den Heyer, The Hague, Holland.

● **THE ground may be special but the pitch is awful. It cut up badly in the Milk Cup Final and turned the match into a test of stamina rather than skill. If internationals are to stay at Wembley, the pitch needs replacing... urgently.**

I HAVE been a regular subscriber to 'Match' for the past three seasons.

Recently I wrote to the subscriptions department about copies that had arrived irregularly or, in some cases, not at all.

The subscriptions manager promptly replied, saying that she had checked the records and confirmed that the magazines had been sent regularly. However, she said she was sorry for the inconvenience and would send me the missing copies by airmail. In addition, she extended my subscription for three months!

It's personal services such as these that make 'Match' the best football magazine, especially for football followers abroad. Anselm Erighono, University of Jos, Nigeria.

AFTER such a horrendous start to the season, I thought I'd be watching Second Division football at Ipswich next season.

New manager Bobby Ferguson was always going to have problems with the departure of stalwart Micky Mills and midfield kingpin Arnold Muhren. Add to that the fact that two senior players have been in dispute with the club, and you can see what a daunting task the manager faced.

But instead of complaining, Bobby Ferguson got on with the job, introduced the ultra-competitive Trevor Putney and the talented Irvin Geron and gave young winger Kevin O'Callaghan more chances to shine in the first team.

Thanks to Bobby, Ipswich have fought their way out of the doldrums and may yet qualify for Europe. Make no mistake, Ipswich are on the march again! Andrew Ferguson, Burton, Staffs.



Liverpool manager Bob Paisley — the man is a legend, says Laura Hooker.

TO climb the famous steps at Wembley and receive the Milk Cup himself must be one of the proudest moments in the distinguished career of Bob Paisley, the remarkable Liverpool manager.

No-one deserved that moment of glory more. Just look at the honours he has taken to Anfield. In seven and a half years, he has led them to five (six this year) League Championship wins, three victories in the European Cup, three successes in the League/Milk Cup, one UEFA Cup victory and five Charity Shield wins.

He has turned players like Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush and Sammy Lee into world class internationals.

What else can be said of Bob Paisley? The man is a legend. Laure Hooker (13-year-old, proud Liverpool fan), St Leonards, East Sussex.

I READ in 'Terrace Talk' about Hull City chairman Don Robinson and about all the fine work he has done for the club.

I'd like to tell you about our chairman at Southend, Mark Rubin. He has sold our best players and is always getting on at the fans for criticising the team.

Recently, he threatened to move the club to somewhere like Milton Keynes unless the Southend public provided better support for the club.

His outbursts aggravate the fans. After a recent heavy home defeat, there was a pitch demonstration calling for Rubin to resign. Not all football club chairmen get on as well with the fans as Don Robinson... Paul Greenfield, Great Wakering, Essex.

JOE THE GIANT...

£10 WINNER

IT was the end of an era when Joe Corrigan left Manchester City for Seattle Sounders, following a 17-year career in which he emerged from the youth ranks to become the respected elder statesman and senior professional at Maine Road.

As a regular viewer of Joe's performances, I can vouch for the fact that he has been an outstanding servant to the club and a great ambassador for the game in general.

His appetite for the game never ceased to amaze me. Hard work and 100 per cent effort were his trademarks. Joe never received as many England call-ups as he deserved due to the fierce competition for the national goalkeeping place, but he never became disillusioned and gave all for club and country.



Joe Corrigan — a giant in every sense of the word, says Michael Barlow.

A giant in every sense of the word, Joe will be sadly missed at Maine Road. But good luck to him in his new career in America. Michael Barlow, Sale, Cheshire.

SNOOKER fanatic Andy Goram thought he'd made his big break after being selected for the England Under-21 squad last month.

The 18-year-old Oldham goalkeeper was picked as Gary Bailey's understudy for the game against Greece and when the Manchester United star pulled out through injury, Andy was sure he'd earn his first cap.

He explains: "When Gary dropped out I naturally assumed I was in line for an England appearance.

"But that was my first mistake and it taught me a valuable lesson in football — don't take anything for granted.

"Portsmouth goalkeeper Alan Knight was drafted into the squad and he played in the 2-1 win over the Greeks.

"Missing that game was the biggest disappointment of my career, but it's made me even more hungry to play for my country.

"I thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the England squad — it was a great experience for me," says Andy, who is a keen snooker player and spends much of his spare time practising at a local club.

The Lancashire lad admits he felt very nervous as he made the long trek south to England's Portsmouth headquarters. "I had no idea what to expect and the only person I knew there was my former West Brom club-mate Cyrille Regis.

"But I roomed with Alan Knight and that made it easier because we were both new faces and learned the ropes together.

"The call-up came as a complete surprise, although my manager Joe Royle had told me that he'd recommended me to Bobby Robson. I thought I was too young to be considered."

Before his inclusion for international duty, the name of Andy Goram was virtually unknown outside the cotton town of Oldham.

He'd made just three League appearances before the start of this campaign, but since taking over from the injured Martin Hodge in September he's been an ever-present in the side.

Andy says: "I played in the final three games last season because regular keeper Peter McDonnell was going through a bad time and was due to join Hong Kong Rangers.

"I didn't really expect to get my big break this season because when Joe Royle arrived at the club he only played me in one and half of our seven warm up matches.

There was no doubt he was looking for a goalkeeper because he brought in Martin Hodge from Everton on loan.

"But when Martin went down with a chest virus after just five games he had to throw me in," says Andy, who's first game of the season was at Stamford Bridge in the 2-0 defeat by Chelsea.

"The boss stepped up his search for a goalkeeper, but I managed to persuade him to abandon it with some good performances.

"Given the chance I was always confident that I could keep my place," he says.

Andy started his League career in the Midlands with First Division West Brom, but returned to his native North West after only a short spell at The Hawthorns.

He explains: "They had too many goalkeepers. There was Tony Godden, Mark Grew, David Carlisle and myself and yet there were only three teams. I was playing every other game for the B team.

"I was really sick when the club let me go, but in the end it turned out to be the best thing that could have happened to me."

Andy is quick to acknowledge the help he's had from his team-mates this season. He says: "Things have gone really well both for me and the team.

"On a personal note I owe a lot to my back four. They've helped pull me through on numerous occasions."

The youngster is also full of praise for Martin Hodge: "I trained with him at the beginning of the season and picked up some valuable tips," says Andy.

Oldham, under the astute managership of new boss Joe Royle, have surprised many

IN THE FRAME!

But snooker fan Andy can't quite make the big break

people this season. Although they haven't mounted a serious challenge for promotion they've been in the top half of the table throughout the campaign.

"There's a good blend at Boundary Park now," says Andy: "We are essentially a young side, but we've got a few older heads adding valuable experience.

"We're also lucky because we've got players in every department who can score goals. Our full-back John Ryan is one of our leading marksmen."

Andy is ambitious and he says: "My immediate aims are to help Oldham get into the First Division and play for England.

"We may not go up this season, but we've built a solid foundation for a determined bid next term.

"As for my England hopes, at least I've got one foot on the ladder."



Oldham's young goalkeeper Andy Goram — thought he was lined up for an England Under-21 debut.

STAR GALLERY



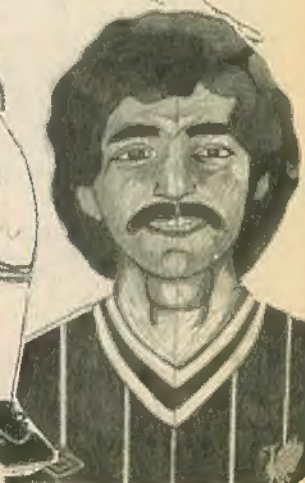
Martin Wilson of Cambridge chose to draw Arsenal's Brian Talbot (left) for his tremendous work in midfield for the 'Gunners'.

"Kevin Keegan (below) is still playing consistently well and bringing the crowds back to Newcastle," says Paul Smith of Penn, Bucks.



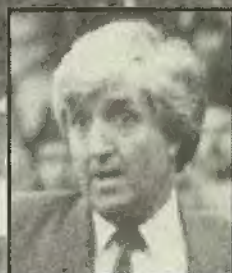
Declan Kelly of Bexleyheath, Kent, is a big fan of Brazil's Zico (left) because "he can pop up and change the course of a game in a matter of seconds."

Fifteen-year-old Susan Yandell of Kingsway, Bristol, rates Liverpool and Scotland captain Graeme Souness (below) "one of the best midfielders in the world."



IF YOU WANT TO GO UP...

GET A NEW BOSS!



WANT to go up? Then get a new boss!

If it's promotion you are after, then it seems a hot seat shuffle might be the answer.

Changing the manager is no automatic recipe for success of course, but the last decade has thrown up a succession of cases where clubs have made the climb in the first full season — or less — under a new chief.

And the sequence looks destined to be extended still further at this season's end...

First glance at Division Two and you'll see that Wolves look to be heading back to their

Allan Clarke salutes the crowd. He took Barnsley up at the first attempt, as did George Kerr (inset left) at Grimsby and John Bond (inset right) at Bournemouth.

former high estate... and doing it under Graham Hawkins, who took the manager's job at Molineux as recently as last October.

Then, chasing promotion from Division Three are a trio who all appointed their present 'pilots' within or around the last 12 months.

There's Portsmouth, where Bobby Campbell took charge in April 1982... Cardiff, who have been under the guidance of Len Ashurst since March, 1982... and Newport County, managed by Colin Addison since February '82.

Colin Appleton took charge of Hull City in June 1982 and they are right up there in Division Four.

And chasing them are Scunthorpe United — under the guidance of former Leeds striker Allan Clarke since January '83.

In fact, if Allan does manage to lead his team to promotion in his first season in charge, it won't be the first time. He managed the feat with Barnsley when he took them out of Division Three in season 1978-79.

So what kind of effect can a new manager have on a club?

'Match' put the question to Newport County skipper Keith Oakes with his side riding high in Division Three.

"A new boss gives everyone at the club a lift and brings an extra competitive spirit within the whole staff," says Keith.

"Players are determined to make a good impression on the management so they put that little bit extra into training and playing.

"Because a new man often likes to bring in his own players, it can often be an unsettling time for those already there. It's up to them to prove themselves.

"I took a bit of a knock when Len Ashurst left because I got on very well with him, but I realised that my place was at stake and I had to put in more effort and show what I could do.

"Every manager has his own ideas on training and coaching and it's sometimes a good thing to try something different.

"Under Colin Addison, we train with the ball a lot more than we did — but the training is just as hard as it used to be."

MANAGERS who have gained promotion in their first full season in charge over the last decade.

| Club | Incoming Manager | Division promoted from | Season |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Blackpool | Les Shannon | 2 | 69-70 |
| Oldham | Jimmy Frizzell | 4 | 70-71 |
| Notts Co | Jimmy Sirrel | 4 | 70-71 |
| Preston | Alan Ball | 3 | 70-71 |
| Bournemouth | John Bond | 4 | 70-71 |
| Grimsby | Lawrie McMenemy | 4 | 71-72 |
| Aldershot | Tommy McAnearney | 4 | 72-73 |
| Middlesbro | Jack Charlton | 2 | 73-74 |
| Bury | Bobby Smith | 4 | 73-74 |
| A Villa | Ron Saunders | 2 | 74-75 |
| Blackburn | Gordon Lee | 3 | 74-75 |
| Charlton | Andy Nelson | 3 | 74-75 |
| Shrewsbury | Alan Durban | 4 | 74-75 |
| West Brom | Johnny Giles | 2 | 75-76 |
| Tranmere | John King | 4 | 75-76 |
| Wolves | Sammy Chung | 2 | 76-77 |
| Brighton | Alan Mullery | 2 | 76-77 |
| Mansfield | David Smith | 3 | 76-77 |
| C Palace | Terry Venables | 3 | 76-77 |
| Exeter | Bobby Saxton | 4 | 76-77 |
| Cambridge | John Docherty | 3 | 77-78 |
| Wrexham | Arlon Griffiths | 3 | 77-78 |
| Preston | Nobby Stiles | 3 | 77-78 |
| Watford | Graham Taylor | 4 | 77-78 |
| Swansea | John Toshack | 4 | 77-78 |
| Stoke | Alan Durban | 2 | 78-79 |
| Shrewsbury | Graham Turner | 3 | 78-79 |
| Barnsley | Allan Clarke | 3 | 78-79 |
| Wimbledon | Dario Gradi | 4 | 78-79 |
| Sunderland | Ken Knighton | 2 | 79-80 |
| Blackburn | Howard Kendall | 3 | 79-80 |
| Grimsby T | George Kerr | 3 | 79-80 |
| Walsall | Alan Buckley | 4 | 79-80 |
| Portsmouth | Frank Burrows | 4 | 79-80 |
| Charlton | Mike Bailey | 3 | 80-81 |
| Barnsley | Norman Hunter | 3 | 80-81 |
| Wigan | Larry Lloyd | 4 | 81-82 |
| Bradford | Roy McFarland | 4 | 81-82 |
| Sheff U | Ian Porterfield | 4 | 81-82 |
| Bournemouth | David Webb | 4 | 81-82 |

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